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BRITISH BLITZ SWEEPS ON Swift Closing In On Damascus Drive Penetrates 70 Miles Inland

THE NAVY KEEPING WATCH

The British Navy is keeping a close watch to ensure that the Germans do not tow any small craft from the Dodecanese Islands to Syria.

The Germans in Ankara expect the British Navy to land forces on the Syrian coast but so far no naval activity has been reported.

Sellers of afternoon papers were besieged by eager buyers, for developments in Syria have aroused tremendous interest in Turkey.

The Allied move is widely welcomed and it is hoped that the Allies will be able to settle the matter quickly.

It is generally considered that the Allies will do their utmost to avoid bloodshed, and well-informed people think that the British will meet with little opposition for the French troops in Syria are divided among themselves and their morale is low.—Reuter.

POPULACE LEAVING ALEXANDRIA

Women and even small babies are riding on the roof-tops of trains, so great is the pressure of the Arab population to leave Alexandria as a result of the air raids.

Special arrangements have had to be taken at the railway station to cope with the exodus which is producing an amazing sight.

All entrances to the main station are now closed and guarded by soldiers. Trains leave at specified times and are continuously crowded with people. They are given a special send-off by crowds of people on the train.

Some 2,000 left by train on Sunday night, a high railway official said. He added that there would be at least one or three more such numbers leaving Alexandria in the next few days. The city itself remains calm and orderly.

FRENCH TROOPS GO OVER TO GEN. DE GAULLE

A considerable number of French officers and men have already come over to the side of the advancing Free French and Imperial troops and a number of others have ceased to fight.

The military spokesman in Jerusalem revealed yesterday that since Sunday the advance has proceeded to an average depth of 35 to 40 miles.

Only scattered centres of resistance were encountered and the number of British casualties is negligible.—Reuter.

Vichy Admits Snags

The Vichy News Agency states that the Allied Forces are advancing into Syria from three directions. Two columns are converging on Damascus through Dera and Safed, and the third is following the coast road to Beirut.

It is admitted that the coast advance has reached the River Litani, north of Tyre.

After referring to French resistance against the British and de Gaulle Forces, the Agency adds:

"The British forces are, however, making progress, especially in the north, where they have reached the River Litani."

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")
BRITISH, IMPERIAL AND FREE FRENCH TROOPS, AUGMENTED BY CONSIDERABLE FORCES OF VICHY SOLDIERS WHO HAVE GONE OVER TO GENERAL DE GAULLE, ARE PUSHING DEEPER INTO SYRIA AND LEBANON IN THE BLITZ OFFENSIVE LAUNCHED BEFORE DAWN ON SUNDAY TO QUICKLY OCCUPY THE WHOLE OF THE FRENCH-MANDATED TERRITORY AND SNATCH IT FROM THE GERMANS' GRASP.

Encountering little if any resistance, several Allied columns, supported by R.A.F. planes, are reported to be swiftly closing in on Damascus, the capital. Copies of Beirut, the capital's port, is regarded as probable within a few hours.

General Wilson's British and Free French Forces are understood to have seized control of almost the entire 24,000-square mile Jebel Druse mountain area, and British occupation of Syria within a few days with little if any major opposition is authoritatively predicted.

At some points the Allied advance, according to the London "Daily Express," has reached 70 miles into Syria, and one column has driven 30 miles along the road from the Jebel Druse area to Damascus.

The progress of the British entry into Syria by the coast road from Tyre and beyond the general line inland was announced by a communique from British Middle East General Headquarters last evening.

River Litani Crossed

The communique states: "Penetration by the Allied forces into Syria is progressing. By this morning they were beyond Tyre and later effected the crossing of the River Litani."

"On the right they have advanced beyond Lizzra-Sheikh-Miskine-Quinetra."

The advance northward of our forces, consisting of mechanised British, Free French, Australians and Indians, is progressing, according to messages received in Cairo.

It is considered very satisfactory that they have crossed the River Litani, which might have been a serious obstacle. Very few details are yet available in Cairo on the political aspect as to French reaction but it seems evident that resistance must have been light so far.

The advance from Dera through the mountainous Jebel Druse country is also progressing satisfactorily.

ITALIANS' "CONFIRMED" LOSSES

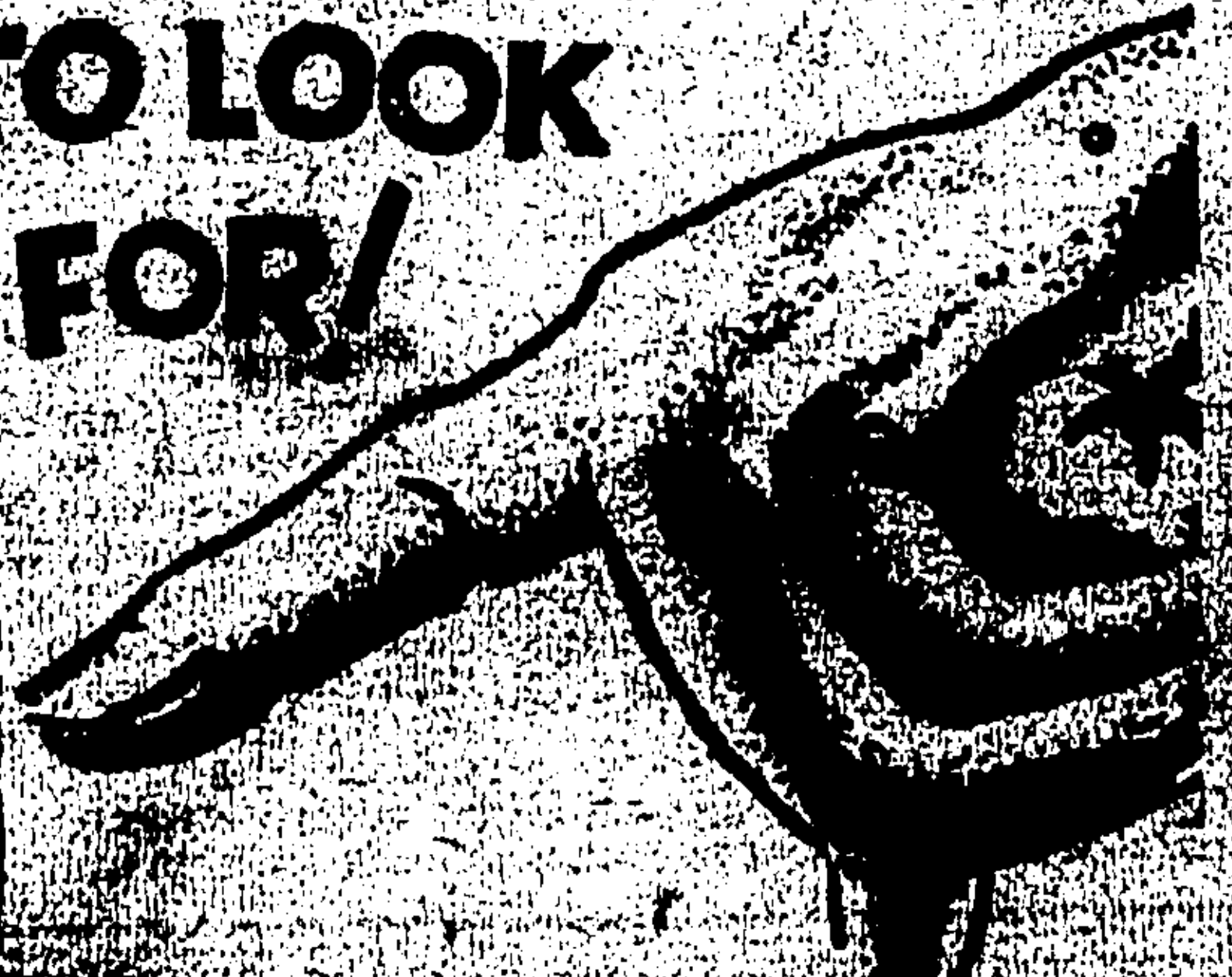
Italian General Headquarters in Rome yesterday issued the following list of "confirmed losses" for the month of May.

On the Greco-Albanian and Albanian-Yugoslav fronts 1,480 were killed, 4,123 wounded and 223 missing. On the Italo-Yugoslav fronts 14 were killed and 24 wounded.

In North Africa 329 were killed, 752 wounded and 2,019 missing. In East Africa 58 were killed, 77 wounded and 2,354 missing.

In the naval forces 38 were killed, 187 wounded and 2,030 missing, and in the Air Forces 79 were killed, 41 wounded and 493 missing.—Reuter.

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AN ADMIRALTY COMMUNIQUE ISSUED IN LONDON LAST NIGHT ANNOUNCED THE LOSS OF THE ANTI-AIRCRAFT CRUISER CALCUTTA AND THE DESTROYERS HEReward AND IMPERIAL DURING THE EVACUATION FROM CRETE. HEReward WAS LAST SEEN HEADING TOWARDS THE COAST AFTER HAVING BEEN DAMAGED BY ENEMY AIR ATTACK.

The Italian High Command has announced that 229 survivors from this ship have been landed and are prisoners of war.

Imperial had to be sunk by British forces after being damaged by enemy air attack.

The Commander-in-Chief, Mediterranean, has reported that when the evacuation of the forces from Crete was completed, just over 17,000 men had been taken off the island.

Withdrawal of the troops from Crete had to be carried out from places with inadequate port facilities and which were within easy reach of enemy forces.

The necessity for carrying out embarkations by night meant that each load of men had to be taken 360 miles to Egypt during the whole 14 hours of daylight.

These voyages were carried out in the face of extremely heavy enemy air attack.

Royal Marine Rearguard

In the circumstances prevailing it was impossible to assess with accuracy the damage inflicted on enemy aircraft by A.A. fire but it is known many were destroyed and others damaged.

Navy aircraft also shot down four enemy aircraft, probably destroyed one other and damaged three.

During the withdrawal from Suda Bay, Royal Marines formed the rearguard.

These men, who had been carrying out various duties as well as manning A.A. defences, were hastily formed into an infantry brigade under Major-General E. C. Weston, R.M.

Left Behind

THEY FOUGHT WITH GREAT GALLANTRY AND PROVED THEMSELVES WORTHY OF THE HIGHEST TRADITIONS OF THE CORPS. IT IS KNOWN THAT A NUMBER OF THIS BRIGADE HAD TO BE LEFT IN CRETE.

The following message from General Wavell was sent to Major-

General Weston on the night of April 31:—

"You know the heroic effort the Navy has made to rescue you and they will be able to get away most of those who remain but this is the last night the Navy can come.

"Please tell those that have to be left that the fight put up against such odds has won the admiration of us all, and every effort to bring them back is being made.

"General Freyburg has told me how magnificently your Marines have fought and of your own grand work. I have heard also of the heroic fight of young Greek soldiers. I send you all my grateful thanks."—Reuter.

SILENCE IS GOLDEN

In reply to a question in the House of Commons Captain Balfour indicated that the same reasons which prevented publication of enemy submarine losses also applied to losses inflicted on the German Focke-Wulf long range aircraft which raid British shipping.

It will be recalled that in July last year the First Lord of the Admiralty explained that whilst the enemy obviously knows the total of his submarine losses, our silence about our successes prevents his discovering how they were obtained. Such knowledge would be of great value to the Germans as it would help them to gauge the relative efficiency of Britain's counter measures, and the appropriate dispositions of British patrols.

Captain Balfour added that it was intended to release from time to time, such information as the circumstances allow.

Dealing with the night attacks on Britain the Under Secretary of State for Air said that it would not be in the public interest to publish the approximate number of enemy aircraft known to be taking part in raids.



A MODEL "HOME GUARD". — Mr. A. Berry, a member of the Home Guard, does a bit of spotting from the miniature castle he has constructed at the model village at Beconsfield. The public are admitted to this model village and the proceedings are given to charity. (Copyright, Fox).

NO VICHY DECLARATION OF WAR

Satisfaction is expressed in official circles in London at the nature of the Vichy Government's protest which was handed to Sir Samuel Hoare in Madrid, complaining of the violation of Syria by the British forces.

The text of the protest has not yet reached London but it is interesting to note that it is not a declaration of war. — Reuter.

14 OUNCES TO THE LB.

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL") Fruit shops in Shanghai are now selling per piece on account of police charges that they are selling false weight. Their contention is that 14 ounces equal one lb., with which the police disagree, the result being appearances in court and fines from \$5 to \$20.—International News Service.

NAZIS MADE HIM FIGHT FOR US

A young six-foot-two Hungarian has just joined the Royal Air Force and is now training as a flight mechanic at a station in the north-west of England.

As a student in his own country, he was a good fencer. The Austrian Nazis resenting his skill, forced many duels upon him. But in the true Nazi fashion they made the young Hungarian fight with the heavy German sword with which he was at a great disadvantage. The true Magyar fencing sword is a light foil, and fencing with this "weapon" is a matter of skill and not the bloody brutality favoured by the German youth. His body bears many marks of the savage fights he was compelled to engage in. Nevertheless at least seven of his self-elected adversaries received their wounds too.

Early in 1939, foreseeing the Nazi plan to overrun Hungary, he made his way to England. Now in return for the hospitality which he has enjoyed here, and in the hope of being able to fight the Nazis on more equal terms, he is in the Air Force. His dearest wish was to become an air gunner. But his build makes this difficult so instead he hopes that he will be able to become a fighter pilot. Then, seated behind the battery of guns in a Spitfire or Hurricane or one of the yet deadlier fighters of the R.A.F., he will even the score with the persecutors of his people.

Since he has been in England he has learned to speak excellent English, and he has a high regard for his British colleagues of the R.A.F. "They are a great crowd," he said. "Two of his comrades at the training school, who in civil life were Polish coal miners, insisted on moving onto his shoulder the initials 'V.R.' "You are a real volunteer," they said. "I do to-day he proudly wears the emblem of the Volunteer Reserve of the Royal Air Force."

ITALIAN FIGHTERS ROUTED

Five G.50's, the Italians' new fighter, were routed by two British eight-gun fighters in a dog fight over the Libyan coast.

One British fighter was climbing after shooting down an S.79, when the five G.50's were spotted near at hand by another British pilot, who at once made a vertical attack on the leader of the Italians.

In the fight that followed one of the Italians spiralled down, and a second was shot down after a long engagement, the pilot 'balancing out.' A third Italian aircraft was damaged, probably seriously.

On the same day, two other aircraft of the same British Squadron caused two more S.79's to crash.

Twenty-five Italian aerodromes and landing grounds have passed into British possession since the offensive began in the Western Desert.

AFTER 20 YEARS

"What an extraordinary coincidence!" exclaimed a D.F.C. veteran of the last war, looking round the officers' mess of a Coastal Command Station in Scotland.

With the rank of Pilot Officer, he had just re-joined the R.A.F. from the Reserve. At the end of one week he finished being an Edinburgh schoolmaster. At the beginning of the next, he started work on the Station as an Intelligence Officer.

He found himself in familiar surroundings.

His old Squadron was at the Station. He was an Intelligence Officer and an observer with this Squadron when it was operating in the Adriatic in the last war. The Squadron was then doing anti-submarine and general reconnaissance work in British aircraft with American engines.

Now the members of the Squadron are doing the same work over the North Sea in American-built Lockheed Hudsons.

At one time in the last war the Intelligence Officer served under a Wing Commander named Bowhill. He is again under him, for Air Chief Marshal Sir Frederick Bowhill is the Air Officer Commander-in-Chief, Coastal Command.

CONCERT IN SKY

Jose Iturbi, whose piano virtuosity has been demonstrated in the country's largest concert halls, is entertaining at a musicale—in the sky.

A licensed pilot, Mr. Iturbi has chartered a 28-passenger, four-motored stratosphere and invited 25 guests, including Mayor F. H. La Guardia, for a musicale as the huge plane cruises over New York between 8 and 9 p.m. A small plane will be aboard.

Invited guests include Lily Pons and her husband, Andre Kostelanetz, Lucretia Bori, Deems Taylor, Mr. and Mrs. John Harbison, Mr. and Mrs. Fritz Kreisler, Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Melchior, Giovanni Martignoli, Mrs. Lawrence Tibbett, Frank Chapman, Mr. and Mrs. Francesco Scotti, Olin Downes and Miriam Hopkins.

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ROOSEVELT BREAKS AIR WORKERS' STRIKE

3,000 Troops Take Over Factory

PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT HAS ORDERED THE U.S. ARMY TO TAKE OVER THE NORTH AMERICAN AIRCRAFT FACTORY WHERE A MAJOR STRIKE HAS HELD UP PRODUCTION FOR WEEKS, STATED THE PRESIDENT'S SECRETARY, MR. STEPHEN EARLY, IN WASHINGTON YESTERDAY.

This is the first time Government has taken such definite action to handle a strike instead of relying upon appeals.

From Los Angeles it was reported that tear-gas bombs were used to break picket lines outside the factory yesterday. The pickets retreated but soon returned and reformed their lines.

Meanwhile, however, the police had formed two other lines through which workers could reach the factory gates.

A Company official later declared: "The situation is very tense."

The order to take possession of the plant was telephoned from President Roosevelt's study in the White House to Lieutenant-Colonel Branshaw, commanding troops in the vicinity of the factory.

Factory Occupied

Mr. Early said Colonel Branshaw had expressed the opinion that it was necessary to use arms because the situation was beyond the control of the Los Angeles Police.

Disorders ceased as the troops arrived and occupied the factory quietly and smoothly, after which Colonel Branshaw declared the factory open and offered employees protection.

Two marching columns arrived to augment a convoy of 50 trucks which brought the first detachment of troops to the factory.

Three thousand troops with bayonets fixed and carrying machine-guns took over the factory.

Strikers and pickets gradually yielded but one who refused to move was bayoneted and taken to hospital.

Production Normal Again

President Roosevelt's order to the army stipulated that the possession operation be terminated by the President "as soon as he determines that the plant can be privately operated in a manner consistent with the needs of national defence."

The War Secretary, Mr. Henry Stimson, is authorised to employ workmen and will handle the question of compensation for the company.

Production at the factory is expected to be practically normal to-day.

War Secretary Stimson yesterday published a telegram from Lieutenant-Colonel Branshaw.

It reads as follows: "Strike broken, gates open, employees streaming in in satisfactory conditions."—Reuter.

2,000 Back At Work

President Roosevelt is "delighted" with Colonel Branshaw's news of the situation, said Mr. Stephen Early.

Col. Branshaw reported that 2,000 members of the day shift, or nearly half the shift, have resumed work, and he expected production to be practically normal by to-day.—Reuter.

BURMA'S DEFENCES IN ORDER

CONCLUDING A FOUR-DAY INSPECTION OF BURMA, AIR CHIEF MARSHAL SIR ROBERT BROOKE-ROPHAM EXPRESSED SATISFACTION AT THE ARMY'S EXPANSION IN ALL DIRECTIONS SINCE HIS LAST VISIT AND OF THE CONTINUOUS SUPPLY OF THE MOST MODERN EQUIPMENT REACHING BURMA.

The Commander-in-Chief conferred with His Excellency the Governor, Defence Counsellors and the Premier.

In the sphere of air defence, Sir Robert, impressed by the construction of new aerodromes, told Reuter that every day must show some progress in the work of perfecting the country's war organisation and defence against aggression.—Reuter.

APPEAL BY WHITE HOUSE TO WORKERS

PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT, in a statement concerning the strike at the North American Aviation Factory, said yesterday in Washington: "The situation is seriously detrimental to the defence of the United States."

"Because of this I, as President and Commander-in-Chief of the armed forces, am determined that the plant shall be reopened. It must be reopened at once."

The statement traces the course of the dispute and says: "Mediation has been interrupted by a violation of the agreement entered into by the workers' bargaining representatives that production should continue during the course of mediation."

"The waste of production which thus resulted created a situation seriously detrimental to the defence of the United States."

"Because of this, I as President and Commander-in-Chief of the armed forces, am determined that the plant shall be reopened. It must be reopened at once."

Country in Danger

After explaining that he had directed the Army to take charge until normal production is resumed, President Roosevelt continued: "Our country is in danger. Men and women now making aeroplanes play an indispensable part in its defence. I call upon the workers to return to their jobs."

Concluding, President Roosevelt promised workers protection in their fundamental rights as citizens and said that negotiations will be conducted to reach a fair settlement, which will be retrospective.—Reuter.

105-DAY DASH IN TIME, — DAY' RUN TOO LATE

AIRCRAFTMAN F. CRISP, STATIONED IN IRAQ, WAS GRANTED COMPASSIONATE LEAVE BY THE R.A.F. AUTHORITIES BECAUSE HIS WIFE WAS DANGEROUSLY ILL AT HER HOME AT WALSINGHAM, NORFOLK.

He travelled 105 days by rail, sea and air and reached his wife's bedside. His presence cheered her. She rallied and began to recover.

But after his return to an R.A.F. station near London, she had a relapse and died before he reached the Black Lion Hotel, Walsingham, where they had been holidaying for many years.

A LIFT IN THE DESERT

The Royal Air Force tender speeds along the straight new road over the Desert. On all sides, as far as the horizon, stretches a wilderness of sand and hummocks of limestone, relieved here and there by patches of camel thorn. In one direction, refreshing to the eye, sparkles a phantom lake that only a mirage could create in that arid waste.

A speck appears on the road, and as the car nears, resolves itself into a Bedouin. No popular novelist's hero this, with hawk-like countenance and flashing eyes, such as fascinated the maiden readers of "The Sheikh's Bride." Still, a genuine child of the desert. Perhaps he has never seen a motor car before, thinks the driver, as he slows down.

The Arab cranes eagerly forward. He extends the right arm, forearm upright, and, with closed fist and pointing thumb oscillating gently in the direction in which the car is travelling.

The hitch-hiker's "signal" has come to the desert.

RECORD OF A ROYAL GAME

When the King and Queen recently visited an R.A.F. fighter station in the East of England Her Majesty was intrigued by the game of "shove halpenny," a popular pastime in every officers' mess. She asked to be initiated into the game, and a young Flying Officer, incidentally one of the station's "aces" at the sport, became her opponent.

Now this particular station number among its most prized possessions a miniature "shove halpenny" board, made by an airman, on which an inscription recording the fact of Her Majesty's game is surrounded by the five halpennies she used in playing it. The miniature board has been presented to the Station Wing Commander and to-day is proudly displayed to every visitor.

VICHY TO APPEAL FOR NAZI HELP?

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

The Zurich press yesterday predicted a virtual alliance between Germany and France as result of the British push into Syria.

"France is now expected to join Germany in the closest relations, militarily and diplomatically, regardless of Britain and the United States," says one paper, speculating whether Vichy will appeal to the Nazis to send direct military aid to the French forces in Syria.—International News Service.

STRIKERS' DEMANDS REFUSED

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

While the strike of P.W.D. coolies in Shanghai continues, negotiations are under way between officials and the coolies who are demanding reinstatement of the dismissed foreman, which so far has been refused.—International News Service.

ANOTHER DEFENCE WALK-OUT

A strike was called yesterday by the Die-Casters' Union at the vast Aluminium Company of America in Cleveland, which produces parts for warplanes.

The works employs 7,000 hands who are members of the Union, and the factory spokesman said not one of the afternoon shift entered the factory.

The Union seeks higher wages. Its demands were referred to the National Defence Mediation Board in Washington last week but the Union spokesman said the negotiations were "getting nowhere."

Pickets were out yesterday afternoon.—Reuter.

PRIVATE AUDITION

The Canadian leader of an R.A.F. Spitfire Squadron recently made a broadcast to Canada. It was repeated four times in various programmes, but his mother in Winnipeg always seemed to miss hearing his talk about his adventures in the Royal Air Force.

A friend of the family told an official of the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation of the mother's disappointment. The next day an official drove round to her home with a record of her son's talk. Then the record was played several times while she listened.

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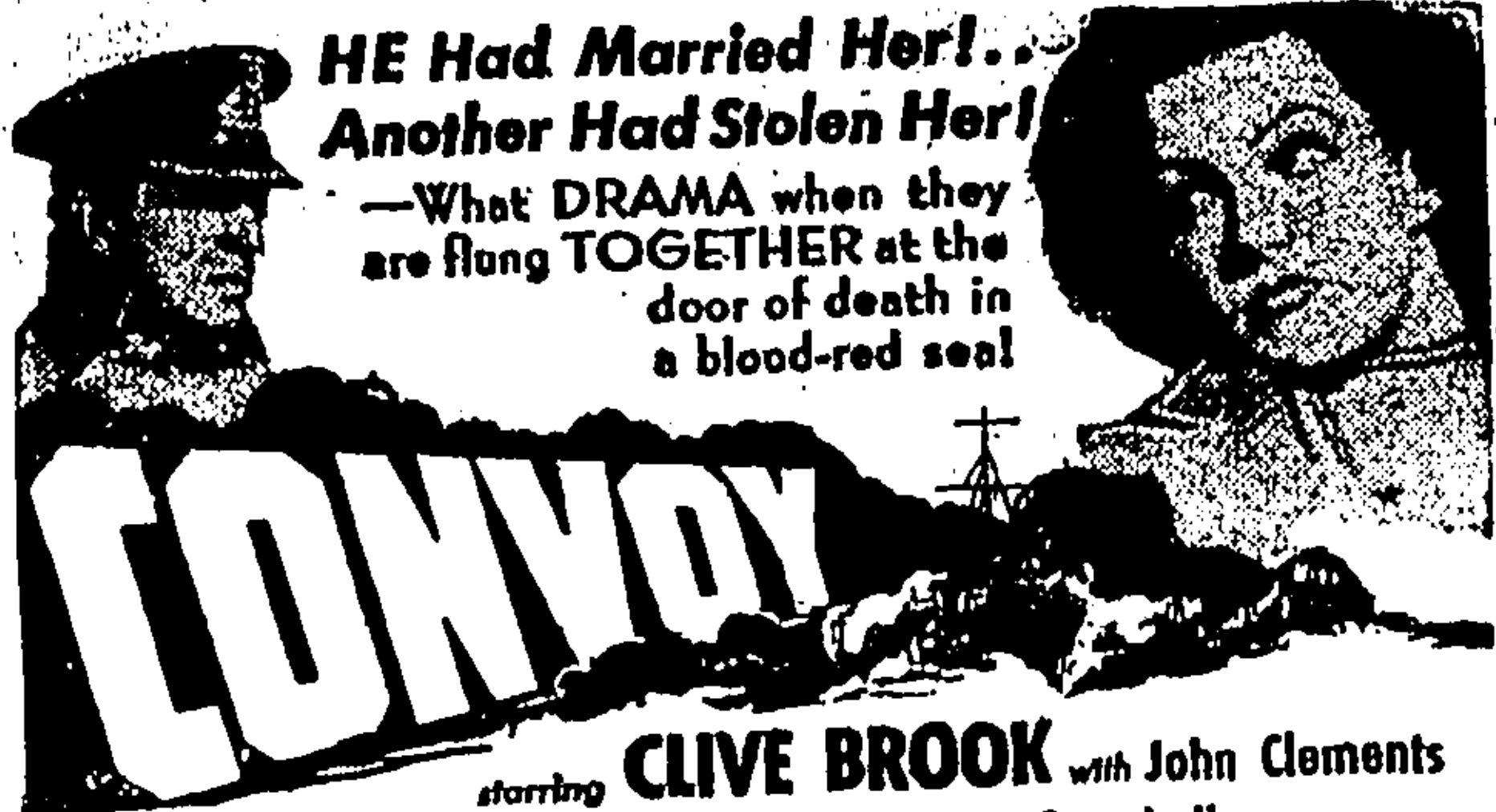
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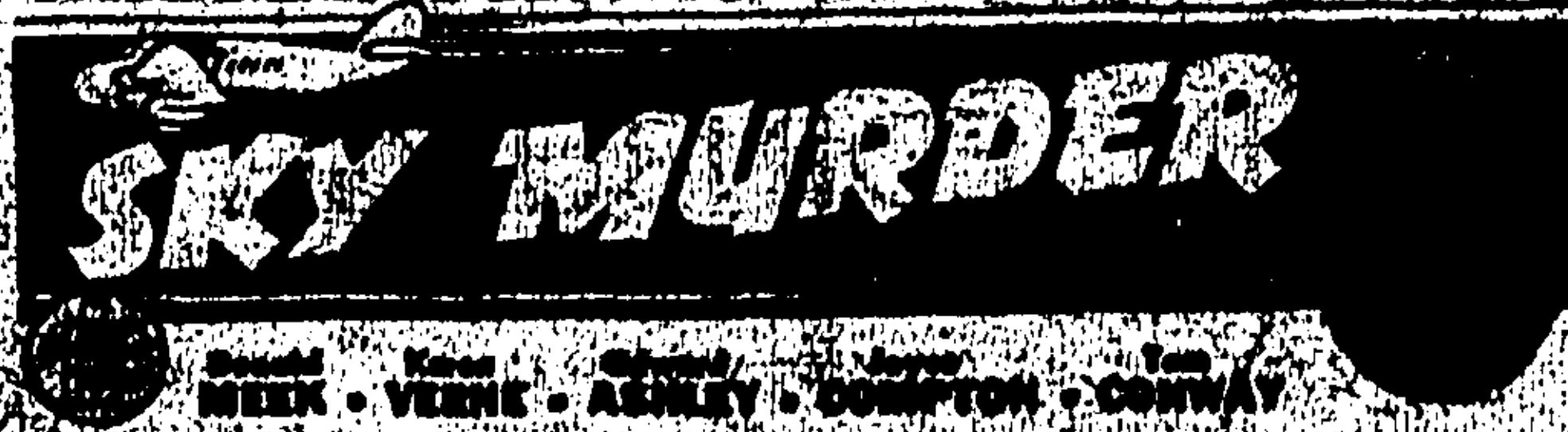
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When Westminster Hospital held a gas test the decon-
tamination squads were tested for their efficiency. Here are
squad members busy spraying "gas casualties" during the
mock gas raid. (Copyright, Fox).

BOY CLUBBED ME IN TRAIN

—Says Captain

When Captain Charles
Guy Mostyn Bowen was
travelling by train from
London to Shrewsbury, he
felt a blow on his head.

Thinking a bag had fallen from
the rack, he looked up from his
book, and, according to his story
at Shrewsbury Police Court, saw
a boy with a stick "waiting to
have another shot at him."

Two fifteen-year-old boys were
charged in the juvenile court
with inflicting grievous bodily
harm upon Captain Bowen, who
lives at Penley Hall, Ellesmere.

Felt A Blow

Captain Bowen, on whose head
was a dressed wound, said that
when the train arrived at Wol-
verhampton two boys entered
the first-class compartment he
occupied, and though they were
turned out by the ticket-collector
they returned to the compartment
when the train reached Well-
ington, and sat opposite him.

While he was reading a book
he felt a blow. He saw one of
the boys holding a round
knobbed stick like a knob-
kerry.

The captain went into the cor-
ridor, called for help, and then
pulled the communication cord.
The boys were remanded in
custody.

TO SHARE MEDAL WITH HIS MATES

An A.R.P. rescue work-
er risked his life to save a
woman and two children,
and has been awarded the
M.B.E., but he intends to
share the medal with his
workmates.

Each is to have the medal for a
week, as he thinks they deserve
it as much as he does.

The A.R.P. man is Martin
Saville, of Ermine Road, West Ham
(London).

In September a school used as
a rest centre for hundreds of
homeless people was wrecked by
two hits from a night raider. The
casualties were heavy.

Saville dug for three hours
through the debris to a woman,
a baby of two months and a girl
aged ten.

Ten minutes later the debris
crashed down.

SYRIA ENCOURAGES STOCK MARKET

The London Stock Exchange
yesterday was mainly firm, sen-
timent being encouraged by the
Syrian development. Gilt-edged
securities, especially Indians, rose
generally on fair demand. Indus-
trial were steady apart from a
slight easing of stores and tobac-
cos. Oils were quiet, except
Burma and Anglo-Iranian, which
were slightly higher. Kaffirs were
firm, especially non-producers,
which met with persistent de-
mand. Westholds were quoted at
73s. 9d against 76s. 6d. Japanese
Bonds advanced up to a point.
Wall Street was firm. — Reuter.

LITTLE FRIENDS

Homeless children, air raid
victims in a children's hospital in
North-East England, have found
five Good Samaritans.

The Samaritans are children
aged nine to twelve. Every week
they buy new clothes and toys
for a young raid victim. Their
leader is twelve-year-old
Audrey Soden.

They gather money and collect
old goods and jam jars which they
sell to shops. Sometimes they hold
auction sales.

With the proceeds they buy
presents for one homeless child a
week.

"Last week we bought a pink
silk dress, doll, and sweets for
two-year-old Frances Arm-
strong," Audrey told the "Daily
Mirror."

"She was struck on the head
by a shell splinter. Her mother was
killed.

"Her daddy is in the Army."

GERMAN PARACHUTES HELP OUR TAXPAYERS

The British taxpayer is being
saved £25 per German silk para-
chute which falls into our hands.

After rigorous testing, the para-
chutes are fitted with British
harness and used by our own air-
men.

The Germans are still using
silk for man-dropping parachutes
—sometimes a mixture of Italian
and Japanese.

But parachutes for flares,
which were formerly of Egyptian
cotton, are now being made of
viscose rayon.

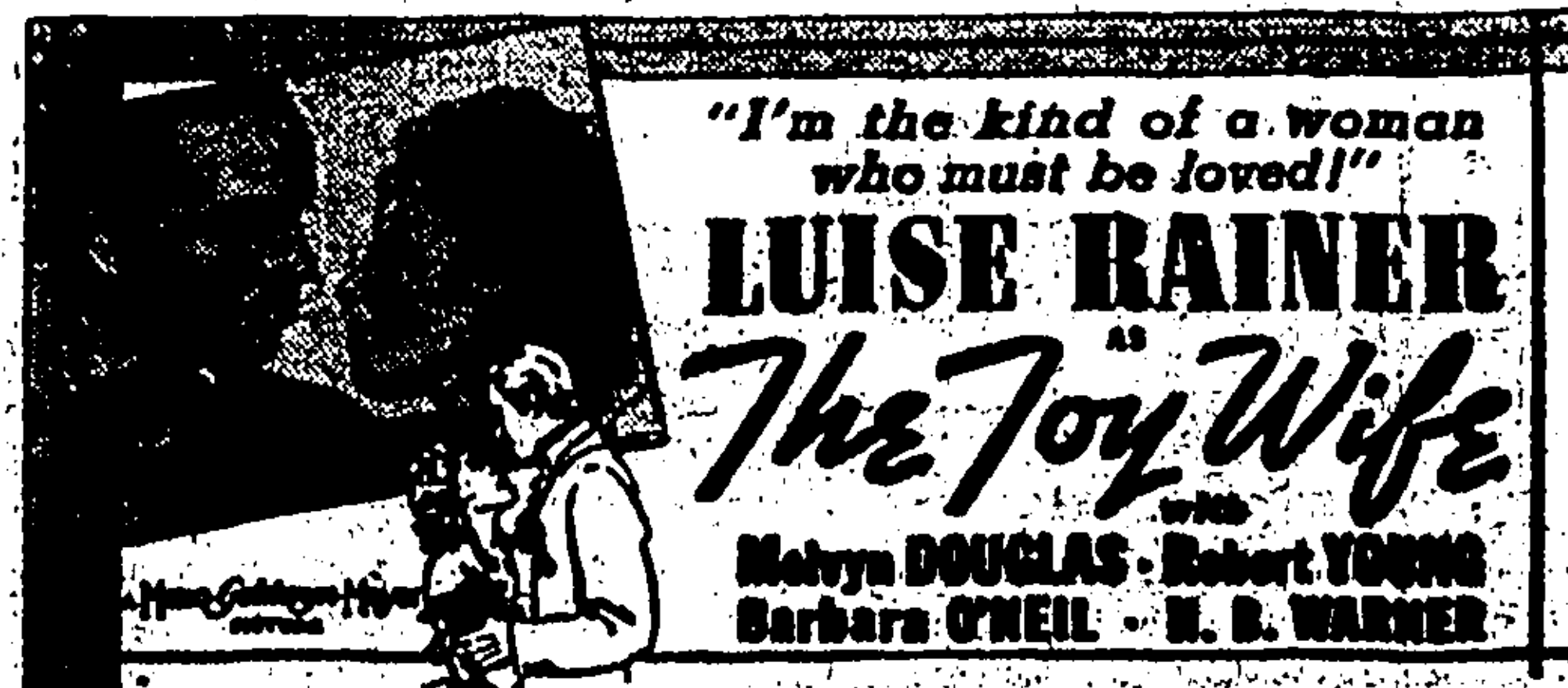
Bandages are made of viscose
artificial cotton wool.

Examination of German Army
clothing, other material, and
medicine chests suggests that the
Germans are definitely short of
copper, cotton, jute, iodine and
vaseline.

Bags such as sandbags and
nosebags for horses are being
made of spun and woven paper.

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'FRISCO LESSONS HELPING LONDON

Lessons learned by San Francisco in rebuilding after the earthquake and fire of 1906 have been passed to British officials studying the problems of bomb-wracked London.

Mayor Angelo J. Rossi told the American State Department how the city was restored from ruin

and chaos in response to a request from W. G. Jackson of the London County Council.

The effort of rebuilding a city as nearly fireproof as was then possible was stressed in Mayor Rossi's report. He told how experts went through the debris, giving free advice to those who had started to rebuild while the City still was smoking.

Foremost in fire protection, Mayor Rossi reported, is a \$5,718,000 high-pressure auxiliary water supply system to protect the eight square miles comprising the most congested part of the present City.

This system includes two reservoirs of 1,250,000 gallons total capacity on eminences of the City, which ordinarily are filled from a still higher reservoir but which, in emergency, can be supplied with salt water from the Pacific.

Breakage of mains by the earthquake was one cause of the rapid spread of the fire that followed. The present system is designed, Mayor Rossi reported, so there will be a minimum chance of breakage in the mains.

Under each of 135 downtown street intersections is a 75,000-gallon cistern filled with water. Even though the mains might break or the system otherwise fail, the congested district still would have water to fight flames.

WHEN AN AIRMAN IS "CHEESED"

As the R.A.F. expands so does its vocabulary. Here are some more phrases for the collector of unusual idioms.

If you are so unfortunate as to be crossed in love or to receive a severe reprimand from a senior officer, then the proper way to describe your state is to say that "you have been shot down in flames."

When the experts who forecast the weather report "Future outlook unsettled" the pilots prefer to call the outlook simply "Ropey."

If you have some inside information then you call it the "Real Gen." If the news is still more exclusive then it is the "Pukka Gen."

The origin of the word "Gen" is doubtful. It may be short for "genius," it may come from "genuine" or alternatively, from "general information."

People who obstruct you are called "a bind," and from this comes the verb "to bind."

There are three degrees of dejection. The first is the stage of being "browned off," the second, of being "brassed off," and the third, which means that there is no hope for you, of being "completely cheesed."

A beginner in any job is called "an Erk," a contraction of "air-craftman."

THEY MUST FIRE-WATCH

Fire-watching is to be made compulsory in many parts of Kent and Sussex because there are not sufficient volunteers to do the job properly.

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EAST SUSSEX.—The county boroughs of Eastbourne and Hastings. The non-county boroughs of Lewes. The urban districts of East Grinstead, Newhaven, Portliffe-by-Sea and Seaford.

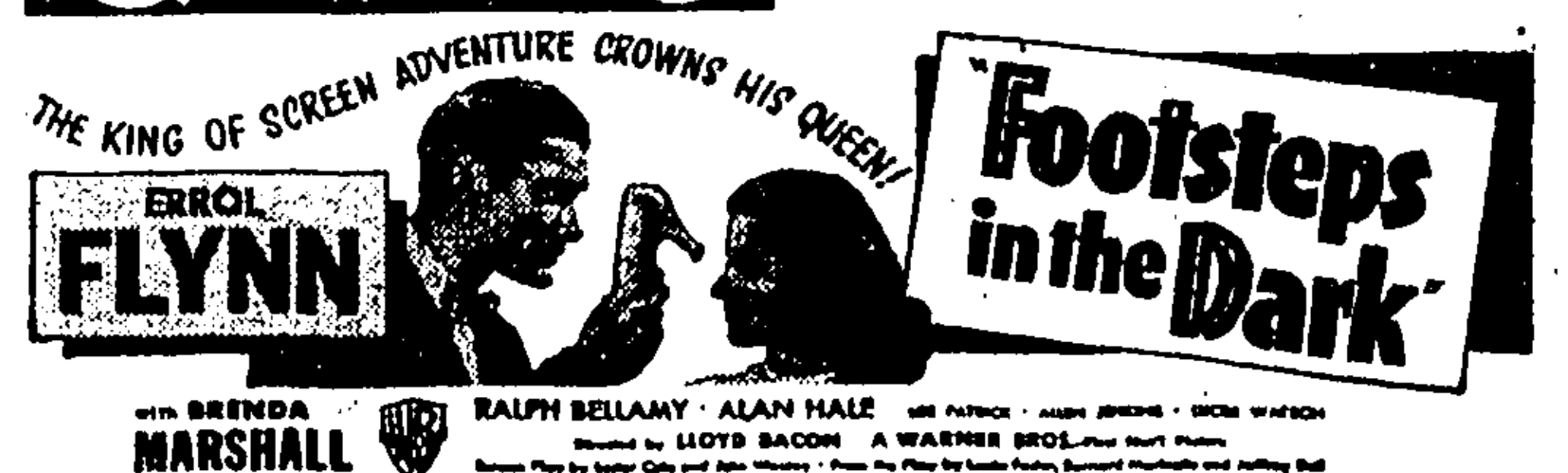
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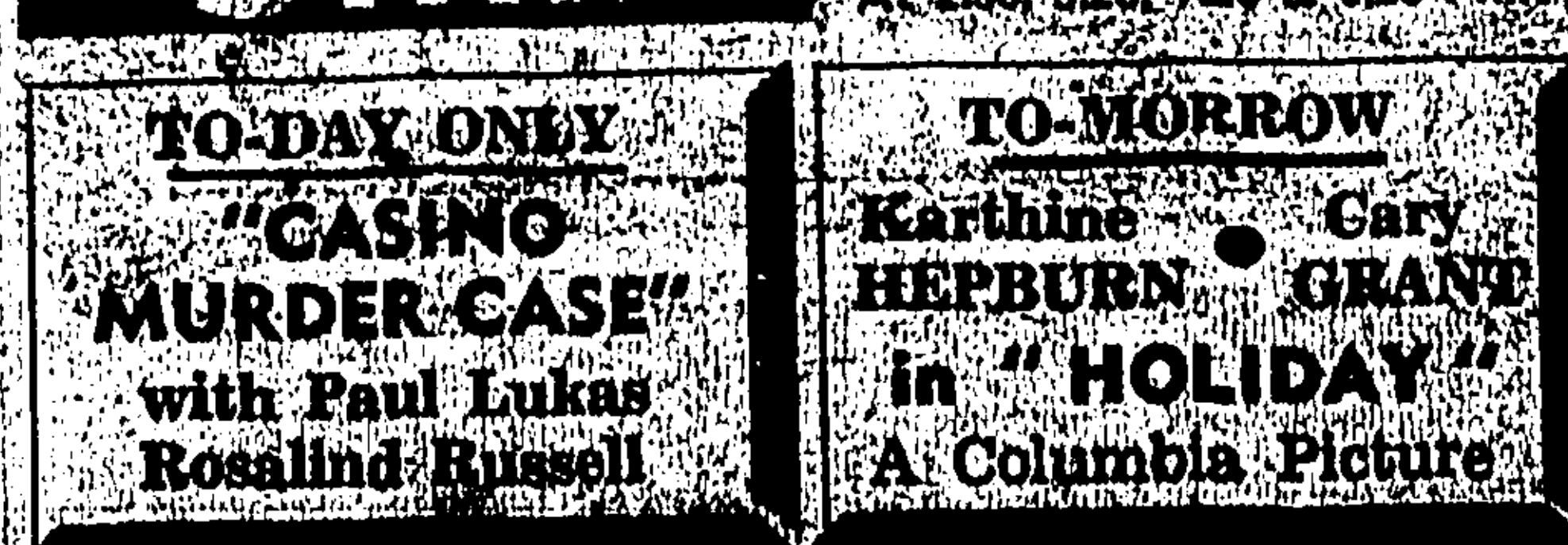
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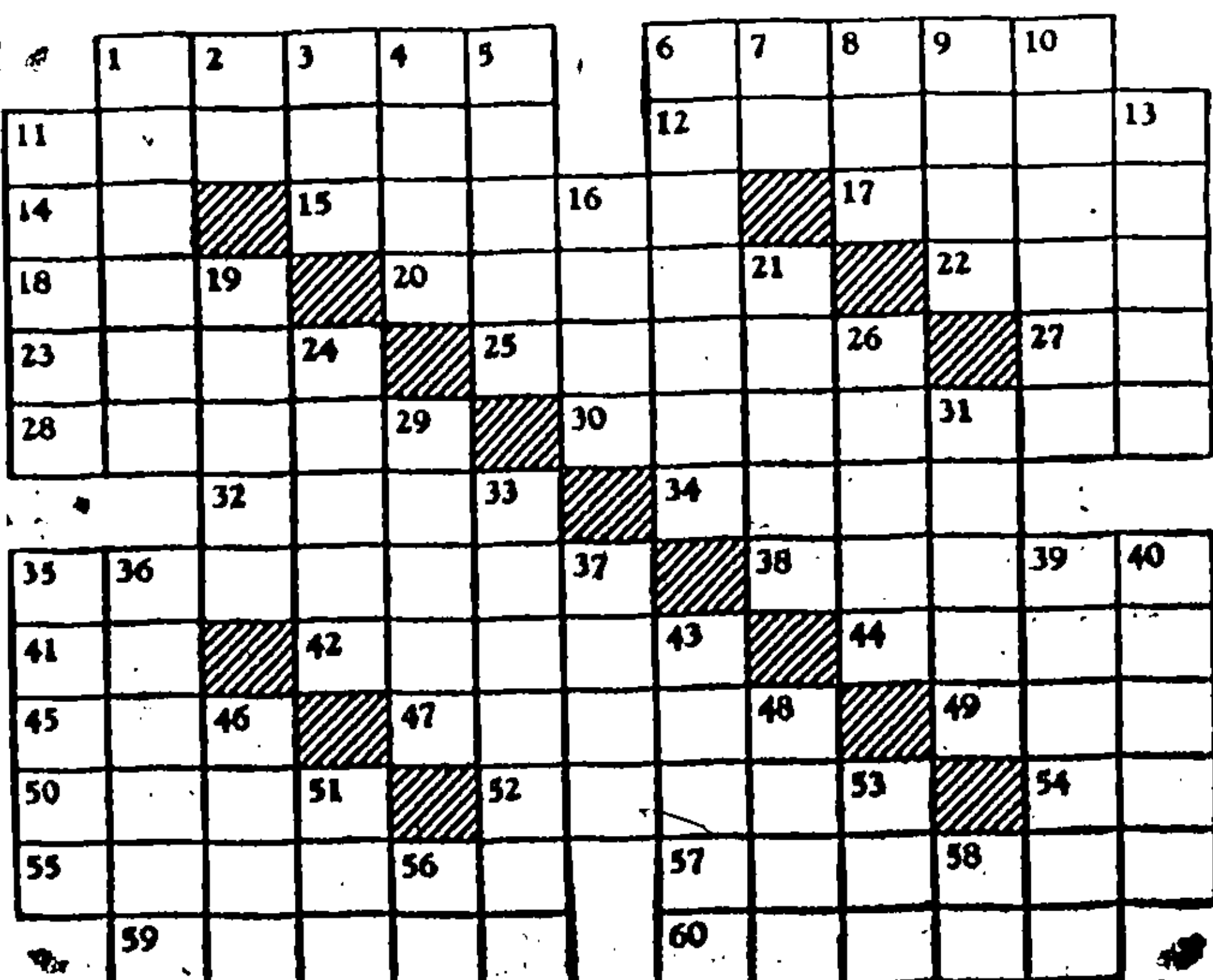
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- 20 To relieve
- 22 Title of respect
- 23 Ancient clan
- 24 Surgical thread
- 27 Symbol for tellurium
- 28 Mistake
- 30 Made a new version of
- 32 God of love
- 34 Torn
- 35 Fades
- 38 Burns
- 41 Upon
- 42 At no time
- 44 Narrow opening
- 45 Legendary
- 46 Kind of Britain
- 47 Network
- 48 Girl's name

VERTICAL

- 1 Soap foam
- 2 Conjunction
- 3 Room in a harem
- 4 Craggy hills
- 5 Cuts

6 Protection

- 7 Toward
- 8 To decay
- 9 Fruit drinks
- 10 Mannerly
- 11 Antiquated
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Reflections From A Newsmen's Jottings

(By Kenneth Downs, I.N.S. Correspondent)

THE DEMARCATION LINE between occupied and unoccupied France is now as tightly guarded as a frontier between hostile countries. Troops of cavalry, bicycle patrols, snipers with telescope sights, dogs, barbed wire entanglement and land mines are slowing down the "underground railway."

Many have been killed trying to get through lately; still more have been arrested. Not even foreign diplomats are allowed to go back and forth now, except in very special cases. Legations in Paris can only send couriers out about once a month.

Why, because, it appears, a sustained campaign is now under way to inflame the two regions against each other. The Paris Press, and radio, completely German-controlled, daily denounce the men of Vichy and the people of the unoccupied region, who are pictured as living in sinful luxury while occupied France suffers.

Ill-Feeling Begins To Show

The continual intimation is that if Vichy were ready to "collaborate" all the way, all France would be better off. Despite the steady hammering of this propaganda, results have not been marked yet, although some ill-feeling now begins to show.

There is something indescribably sickening about this deliberate, heavyfooted effort to instill hate. But you find it on all sides in Paris. It strikes you more than the general deadness of the city, or the incongruity of hearing German and seeling Germans everywhere. I find it throughout the notes I jotted down while there. First metro ride... twelve Germans in car, all standing... Germaine says they always stand as long as any woman is not seated. Says this impresses Paris women, even against their will. It's the little things that count... must admit most of them look good. Fit. Tough. Many look like Americans. Unusually handsome major with decorations... private who looks like Bruno Richard Hauptmann... Paul had same idea, grinned, "Eighty Million Hauptmanns."

Awful Station Posters

The awful posters at every station. Some picture horrible caricatures of Jews. Freemasons, clutching bags of loot with glaring captions: "Enough! Enough!" others with same hate motives advertising "The Fire," presumably new French Fascist organisation to burn up Jews, traitors and grafters, inviting contributions... other green posters advertising jobs for French metallurgists in Germany:

"Do you want to remain unemployed and starve or... come to Germany where you will be treated as one of a family... same pay as German workman... vacations in France... you can send home 1,600 to 2,400 francs per month." Confirmed story of Paris policeman... was roughly shoved for not walking between rails at intersection. In quick reflex turned and struck Nazi soldier. Next morning posters announced his execution. Minor demonstrations. It's quick death for anyone striking a soldier.

Press Violently Anti- British

Press hammering away at Hachette's again to-day... astonishing hate campaign... safe bet company won't last long under that sort of bludgeoning, probably should have sold out to Germans in first place... news of Indo-China surrender played-up as triumph of peace policy, blow against England, instead of beginning of disintegration French Empire... Henri Hays gets big play with this indignant blast from Washington, "It's crime France should have to beg her bread..."

Paris press almost uniformly hammers daily against England... people here have no idea what's going on at home... at Louis Bar caused

sensations when told them little first hand news from America... They call the Germans "potato bugs" and "Fritz," but not too loud. Twenty-franc fine if overheard... Francoise says the young Bucks were tres correct at first, but getting a little more forward now... "they don't hesitate to accost you now, 'ahn moment, Fraulein, take you by arm'"... much social disease in hospitals.

These Nazi girls won't win any beauty prizes... Parisiennes laugh at them in their gray uniforms, un-madeup faces, sidewalk cafe crowded as usual... ranks parading by somewhat diminished, but few old familiar faces... could have fired rifle down Champs-Elysee this noon without hitting a car... Absence traffic makes city seem even more grave-like... Big-domed new, charcoal-gas autobuses... Can't get in Crillon, Ritz, other big hotels... horse carriages, but very expensive... everybody travels by metro or bike.

Food excellent at Francis... You can get what you want if you can pay for it... That company of troops drilling in vacant lot at Passy... They look good... Pierre says they work like this all the time all over town... no loafing, keep fit.

Bereaved Mother

Sad visit Mrs. T... one son killed in action, other in German prison camp... all alone, heartless flat.

Same red-headed singer in that Champs-Elysee Boite... only she's singing coyly, cutely, songs in German where a year ago she was singing coyly, cutely, songs in English... Usual collection in place... Few German soldiers, well-behaved, sitting with French girls... Crowd civilians noisy, annoying... left early for fear incident and need show papers.

Everybody scuttles in order avoid being caught on streets after midnight curfew. When see have stayed too late, only thing to do is remain until daylight in nightclub, the bill comes high that way.

Patronise Maxim's if you want special consideration: You get butter, and everything else there without tickets. If you are a regular customer, you can get a special pass to circulate the streets after hours for "urgent professional reasons." Mostly Germans there and a few wealthy sycophants. Paris in the spring in 1941, is a place you are not reluctant to leave.

CZECHS LONG TO HEAR WHISTLE OF BOMBS

"Increasing sabotage in factories and among traffic in occupied territories is giving the Nazis a considerable headache," declares Herr Otto Zausnier, a former leading Austrian newspaper editor, in an article in the U.S. newspaper "Boston Globe."

"The Czech people," he says, "are longing for the sweetest sounds they could hear—the strictly forbidden foreign broadcasts, the howling of air raid sirens, the whistling of bombs and the thunder of explosions in the armament factories."

"Even though their lives and properties were destroyed they would welcome the day,"—Reuters.

BIBLE EXPERT TO DIE

Ludwig Curnack, chairman of the International Bible Society in Germany, has been sentenced to death by a Dresden tribunal.

At the same time the tribunal imposed hard labour sentences on other members of the society, cables a "Sunday Express" correspondent on the German frontier.

Curnack and his colleagues had been explaining the Bible in a pacifist sense.

Justifying the sentences the tribunal said that their activities endangered the social and national welfare of the German people and hampered the war effort.

PARALYSED, HE SAVED HIS MEN

An R.A.F. pilot, his legs paralysed by bullets in his back, crawled along the fuselage of his spinning plane to warn observer and air gunner to jump for their lives.

That heroic deed was revealed by the observer, freed from an Italian prison camp when our troops entered Adi Ugri, Abyssinia.

"We were raiding Burye," he said. "An Italian fighter got behind us and put in a burst which cut our inter-communication and sent our plane into a spin."

"Soon afterwards the head of our pilot appeared in the rear gunner's cockpit. 'Jump,' he shouted, and disappeared. We jumped and landed unhurt."

"I found out that the Italian's bullets had hit our pilot in the back."

"His first thought was for our safety. Helpless below the waist, he managed to pull himself out of the cockpit of a violently spinning machine and climb along the fuselage to the tail to give us warning."

"He managed to pull his own ripcord and was picked up by the Italians and taken to a hospital at Addis Ababa."

CONSCRIPT DANCE IS U.S. CRAZE

Thousands of American jitterbugs have gone raving mad over a new dance called "Doing the Draft-away," which celebrates the conscription law.

When the dance starts the boy is "conscripted." This calls for the couple to take four long strides across the floor.

He learns to march. Facing each other they mark time. He awakes to the sound of a bugle. Back to back still marking time, they pantomime a bugler. The climax comes with the boy on leave and the couple going crazy on the dance floor of the city.

CHINA MAIL

WINDSOR HOUSE POLITICAL SHIBBOLETHS

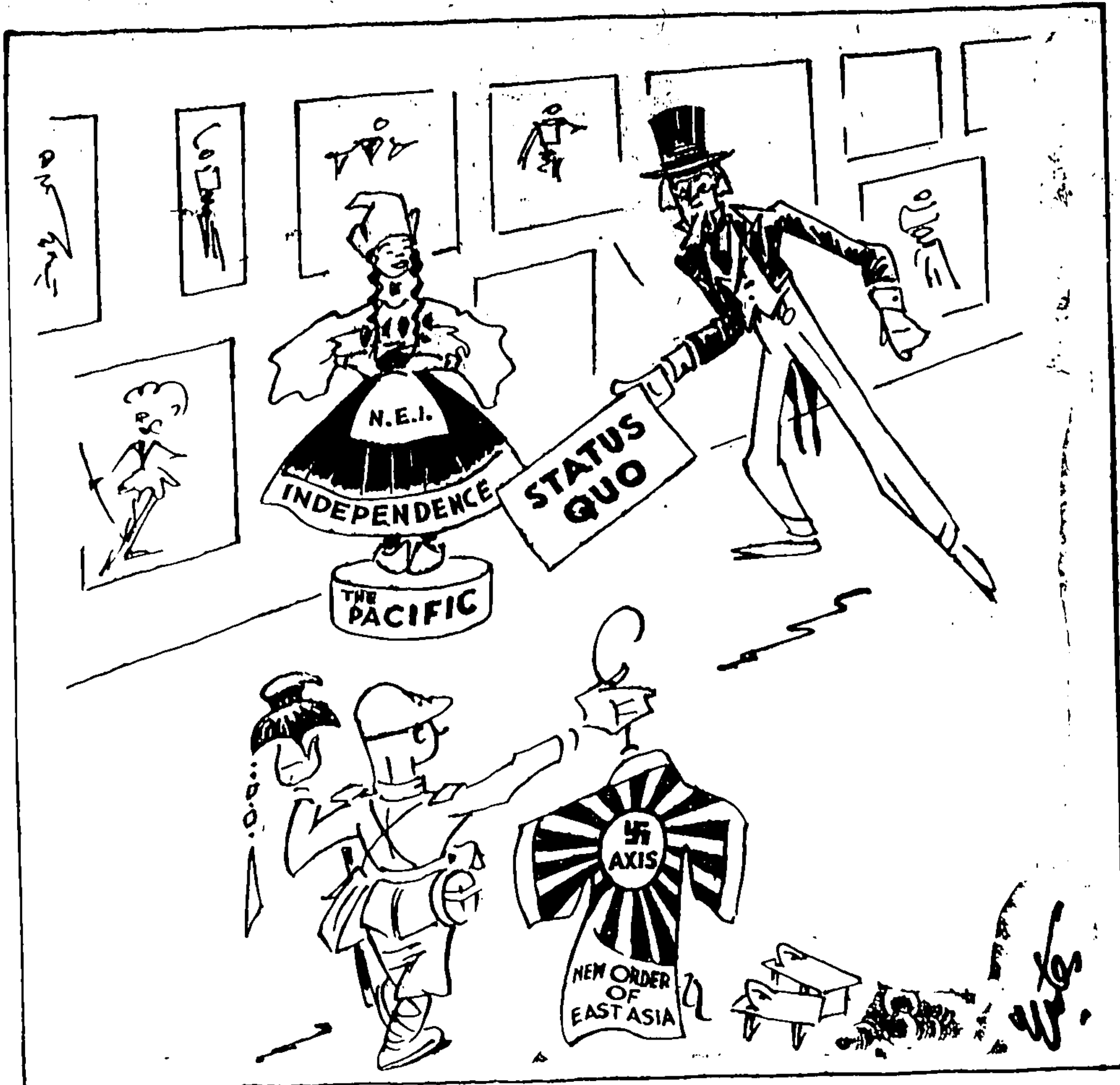
The war has already lasted long enough to produce in Great Britain some profound changes of thought about politics. Much that seemed all-important before the war has dwindled into comparative insignificance. Values are altered; conventional party catchwords drop into disuse; glib generalisations yield to the necessity of action. Words which once set parties to quarrelling have ceased to charm or to antagonise.

One such word is "socialism." The war has robbed the word of both its fascination and its terrors. A war Government has rushed through a "social revolution" at a quicker pace than had been dreamed of by the Socialist Sir Stafford Cripps in his most revolutionary moments. In every sphere of social life Conservative ministers, not less eagerly than Socialist, by a wave of the departmental wand, have taken drastic measures that once would have been condemned as "socialist."

This is no argument for or against the socialist method. This wartime experience simply shows that socialism is not an end-all or be-all in itself, but is simply a method of getting things done. It has shown that it is the things done that matter, the method being Socialist or otherwise according to the time and the circumstances—often the only method in wartime, whereas it may be one of two alternative methods in peacetime.

Undoubtedly when the war is over the strong hand of the State will relax its pressure, and private enterprise will resume its activity. But the perspective will have altered. British Socialists can never again believe that mere Socialism will bring the millennium; Conservatives, on the other hand, now converted to the idea of national planning, will never have the old dread of State control in all circumstances.

Both sides have discovered that privilege must be modified, whether it is the special privilege of the capitalist or the trade unionist. Social welfare can be the only criterion of successful policy. The stock of the word "democracy" has gone up in proportion as that of the word "socialism" has gone down, "democracy" meaning not only rule "by the



MANNEQUIN: "FORCE MAJEURE."

Everyone Should Read It....

Mr. John Masefield, O.M., is the Poet Laureate. He is the author of poems and plays and several fascinating romances and tales both in prose and verse. His slim volume called "The Nine Days Wonder" was compiled from talks with many officers, sailors and airmen, and from various records in the Ministries about the rescue of the British Army from Dunkirk.

My heart swells when I try to write a short review of this little book telling of the rescue of our army from the Dunkirk beaches. It is a tale told with the utmost simplicity, and there is not a line of rhetoric, but it profoundly moves the spirit.

Everyone in Great Britain and in America should read it; every European who is counting on Britain's fortitude and valour in the present struggle should clamour for a translation into their own tongue. For it is a great story, and told by a poet, a romance-writer and a passionate lover of the sea, its ships and seamen—John Masefield, the Poet Laureate. I fancy that what has enabled him to tell the tale of the rescue of more than 300,000 men from Dunkirk with such stark restraint, is that he has unpacked his heart in one poem at the end of his preface and four at the end of his narrative. I do not class them as the greatest poetry, but I do admit that, with the marvellous story still in my mind, I cannot even now read some of the lines without hot tears.

Appalling Operations

The book calls "May 26th to June 3rd 1940" the "Nine Days Wonder," for in that time 316,663 soldiers were rescued from the beaches of Dunkirk, 123,095 of them being French. Masefield describes the appalling nature of the operation; the difficulty of finding and sending shipping "forty-odd miles, to embark over three hundred thousand men, within a fortnight, from one beach and one jetty and bring them back the forty-odd miles," those miles continually attacked from the air; there was great danger from magnetic mines, floating mines and moored mines; there

people" but "in the interests of the people." In this sense of the term it is democracy rather than socialism which will present the political challenge of the future.

was the added risk of attack from submarines and motor-torpedo boats.

He goes on to say: "These were some of the complications which war gave to the problem. The greatest complications were the war itself... No man knew what the situation would be within the next few days and each of the then allies wanted different things at once."

The British were wanted on the Belgian right flank, and on the French right flank and — "we wanted them to fall back quickly

By Edith Lyttelton

to end the very dangerous situation in which they stood; but both being on their native soil, wished to stay where they were."

He continues: "When the operative Dynamo began, it was thought that only a few thousand could be saved." All through the nine days our aeroplanes and their young pilots fought back the German bombers over and over again. On land the rearguard action so heroically fought had staved off the disaster so that at one moment there seemed to be a hope that the whole B.E.F. might be saved. "But on the fifth day, when special effort was being made to lift the rearguard, the whole arrangement was cancelled so that the French might be brought to England instead."

Thoughtful French

"The French soldiers took longer to embark than ours; they never liked to embark save as complete units," said one observer, and it is good to record the remark of another: "They were extraordinarily thoughtful, often we could not get them to share our rations, as they thought that we were short of food." Ah — read the whole story — it only covers 85 pages of a small book; read of the air battles. The enemy "had the might; no doubt of that, he had the target of his dreams, and the prize of a century." Read of a flight of three airmen taking on fifty-seventy-five of the German bombers; how one British pilot met a formation of forty to fifty, attacked them single-handed and split them up. It is right that these feats should be recorded,

for at the time some waiting on the beaches must have asked each other why they did not see any of our aeroplanes. They did not realise then how much of their final escape was owing to the way the German bombers were kept back. Then read of the destroyers, the steamships, the minesweepers, the drifters, the merchant vessels — read of them all crowding into the channel, steaming, sailing, rowing all day and all night.

"Most of the embarkations had to be done by small ships, because only these could lie near the shore or enter the channel at low water. All ships coming near to the coast were bombed. A bomb bursting near a small ship always disarranged or broke some of her gear... The losses in men were very great; in ships severe, and in boats enormous. Those ordering this adventure in Dover had daily to replace men and repair or replace ships; for probably no ship returned from the beach undamaged. The minds which improvised this service had to be prepared for great losses... Nothing but enormous, heroic industry and utter self-sacrifice kept the ships steadily plying to and fro... They needed an incredible number of rafts, ladders, brows, lifebuoys and grasslines... Many thousands of the men brought were wounded. These had to have instant attention and special removal. Hundreds of the dead had to landed to be buried."

Courage God-Like

Read, too, of the individual efforts. Mr. Smith, in a motor boat with a crew of two who had never been to sea before, ferried about 800 men to two Dutch skoots. Commander Clouston, R.N., who lost his life, "after doing noble service on the jetty at Dunkirk under fearful conditions of strain and danger." Read of Coulthard and Evans, who plugged a hole in their ship with all the bobs they could find. When the leak was checked, Mr. Evans stood up to the neck in water, holding open a bilge valve while Mr. Coulthard kept the pumps going.

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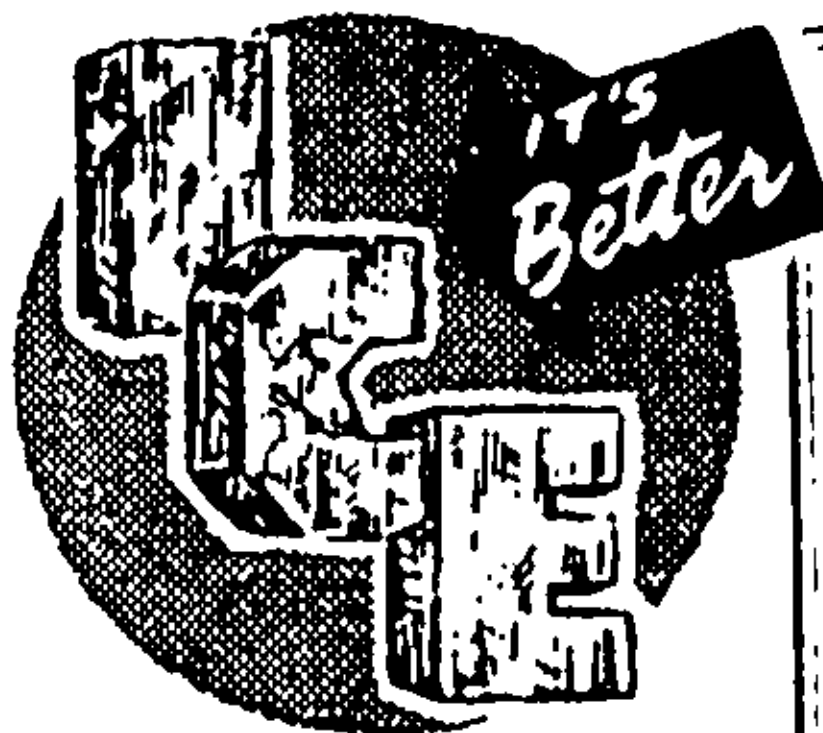
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SPIRITUALLY UNCONQUERED POLISH NATION**NAZI COLUMN
ANNIHILATED IN
VILLAGE AMBUSH**

A BEARDED man limped into the London offices of the "Sunday Chronicle" recently and asked to see the Editor.

He was a Pole who had just arrived in England after a desperate escape from Nazi-ridden Poland by a secret route through German-occupied territories.

He brought a grim story of how a militarily vanquished but spiritually unconquered nation is fighting back against barbaric oppressors.

"Just before I left several weeks ago," he said, "I saw a guerilla band ambush and slaughter a German transport unit near a village in the South-West of the 'General Government'."

"When the Nazis heard of the transport's fate they rushed a regiment of infantry to the scene of the ambush. They shot every man on the spot, no matter what his age."

"Then they set fire to all house in the district and turned machine-guns on women and children as they tried to get out."

"Only three women escaped out of the whole population—and they considered themselves unlucky."

"This was no unusual occurrence," continued the Pole. "For weeks on end there would be not one day in which no serious acts of sabotage occurred. In my district shots were to be heard in the woods every night. Next morning German soldiers would be delivered to hospitals or mortuaries."

Reprisals

"Every act of sabotage or guerilla warfare was followed by horrible reprisals on the part of the Germans."

"In one district a train carrying, among other things, explosives and steel flasks filled with gas, was derailed. Great damage was caused, and 150 young Poles were arrested in the nearest village immediately afterwards."

"They were charged with sabotage and executed at once."

According to the "Sunday Chronicle's" first-hand informant the Nazi authorities have become so worried at the shooting of Germans and the ambushing of German transports, that they recently issued new orders for dealing with sabotage.

Blind Injustice

By these orders the populations of villages nearest to the scenes of "accidents" are made "collectively responsible" at courts-martial formed on the spot at a moment's notice.

The inevitable executions follow the inevitable verdicts just outside the court.

But the saboteurs and guerillas fight on.

The underground movement is particularly strong among the workers of the industrial districts.

Goering has shifted many of his production centres eastwards in an attempt to get away from the R.A.F. bombers, but he is hampered just as much by the workers themselves when moving to Poland.

Unfortunately Polish engineers are held responsible for any fall in output, and many executions have taken place in Polish Silesia.

The Pro-Nazi

"In one factory in Skarzysk," the Polish visitor went on, "a terror-stricken chief engineer began to push forward the work on certain important plants as the Nazis demanded. He never finished that job."

"He was walking about the premises one day when a 'loose' desk 'fell' from a window on top of his head. He died."

"It was a pity, for the man was a Pole. But he was ready to deal with the Germans. Instead of resisting them. What else could the workers do?"

"On that same day 300 of the engineer's factory staff were held collectively responsible for the accident and massacred before the machine-guns in a nearby forest."

The workers are not over-much afraid of dying, because life has been made not worth living in Poland.

**"TOUGH" MEN
DEMAND OPEN
BLADE RAZORS**

Though razors, like razor-blades, are not plentiful in the shops, there is a boom in their manufacture.

Sheffield makers are busier now than they were before the war.

The secret is that Britain is capturing the German trade in razors for the Empire countries. Demands are so heavy that retired craftsmen are returning to work.

Australia bids fair to become Britain's best customer for the "cut-throat" razors.

The tough backwoodsmen have never cared much for the safety variety.

They are, relates an exporter, among the world's best experts in stropping.

The British Navy and mercantile marine are good customers of the razor makers.

A large proportion of the men still prefer the long-handled type.

Production of these razors for the home market, like that of safety razors and blades, is limited to 25 per cent. of pre-war quantities.

**PALS AT SCHOOL —
NOW HEROES
TOGETHER**

On the Honours Board at Caistor Grammar School, Lincs, will soon appear in gold letters the names of Flying-Officer Dudley Honor, awarded the D.S.C., and Aircraftman Vivian Hollowday, who has won the George Cross.

"They were two young rips at school," a master told a reporter recently.

"They were inseparable pals. Once, when only six years old, they decided school life was too tame, and set out to walk the twelve miles from Caistor to Grimsby. The headmaster brought them back in his car."

**M.P.'S TO CARRY
GAS MASKS**

The Government have sent a notice to each M.P. asking him to carry his gas mask, said Sir Annemley Somerville, M.P. at Maidenhead.

"I do not think that one person in fifty carries his mask," said Sir Annemley, "but now that we know of the imminence of invasion it should be the duty of all to alter their ways in this respect."

"A gassed person would be a hindrance in the defence of this country."

**HEBRIDES
TO MARKET
SEABIRDS' EGGS**

Lonely Hebridean Isles, where sea-birds nest in thousands, are to be visited this season by egg-gathering expeditions of crofters and fishermen.

Sea-gulls' eggs fetched up to 2s. a dozen in the London market in peace-time. They are said to be ideal for cake-making.

**8,500,000
BICYCLES
ARE LEFT
UNSECURED**

Nearly 20,000 bicycles are being stolen each year in Britain. And as war conditions send up the value of machines that figure is likely to increase.

Each day police headquarters in London and provincial centres are receiving more complaints. And it is the carelessness of the public which has brought about this position.

Mr. A. P. Chamberlin, secretary of the National Cyclists' Union told the "Evening Standard."

"There are between 10,000,000 to 12,000,000 bicycles in use in Britain to-day."

"I guarantee that I could manage to steal almost any one of them at will. Bicycle theft is about the easiest thing on earth."

"Out of that huge total barely 15 per cent. take the trouble to protect their machines in any way when they are left unattended out-of-doors."

That means that about 8,500,000 bicycles are potential booty.

**LOVE CALL MADE HER
BECOME A
MANNEQUIN**

Ann d'Arcy, cabaret girl with the snuggest hips, has become a mannequin, hoping that she may be sent to South America with the British Government's dress show. She was brought up in Argentina.

"I had a girlhood romance there," she told a reporter. "I want to return and see him."

When the scheme was announced, Ann, who worked at the Cafe de Paris, dieted on orange juice for a week to make sure her hips were the snuggest.

Then she applied for a job with firms who were sending models to South America. "But the models had all been chosen. Still, I'm carrying on in case they want some more."

Ann works for Rahvis, showing alinky dresses.

"She has the most perfect figure I've seen," said Miss Rahvis. "Ann's hips are 38in., bust 38½in., waist 35½in."

CHILDREN, NURSES DIE IN BOMBED HOSPITAL: BABY BORN IN WRECKED WARD

(From A Correspondent)

IN A CORNER OF A BOMBED MATERNITY WARD A PLYMOUTH MOTHER GAVE BIRTH TO A BABY AT THE HEIGHT OF A RECENT BLITZ.

Shortly before a heavy high explosive had hit the ward, killing two mothers and two babies.

While rescue workers recovered other mothers, babies and nurses from the wreckage, a midwife and two young nurses attended the woman, using a hurricane lamp and hand torches.

German planes circled overhead and bombs burst around. Not until the baby had been born could the mother be moved. The mother and baby were doing well.

Seven Nurses Die

The Germans claim that bombs of the heaviest calibre were poured on Plymouth. They were. Three of them hit the children's ward of this hospital, killing a number of young children and seven nurses. Two other bombs hit the maternity ward.

The medical superintendent of the hospital said: "One H.E. came straight through the top floor of the children's ward into the nursery below. Sick children were on the top floor and toddlers were in the nursery."

"We recovered some from the wreckage and they are being treated for injuries."

"Doctors and nurses buried beneath the wreckage were rescued and, cut, bruised and bleeding, forgot their own injuries in treating patients."

Stairs Were Gone

"We were able to carry out a number of urgent operations." A young nurse said: "I was on the top floor of the sick children's ward when the roof caught fire and a bomb came through the far end of the ward."

"I ran towards the stairs with a child in my arms and was just about to step down when I discovered they had been blown away."

"Running to a window, I shouted to a man beneath, and he caught the child in his arms. I scrambled out of the window and dropped to the ground."

The raid was far more vicious than any the town had previously suffered. Major fires were started, and H.E.s wrecked innumerable homes. Several shelters received direct hits.

PATIENTS IN MIX-UP

Family of Edward Dean, of Stonard Road, Palmer's Green, N., are to have a reunion to celebrate a mix-up of hospital records which threatened tragedy and turned to joy.

It began when Edward's mother, Mrs. Arthur Dean, of Essex Street, London, was admitted to a hospital with delayed shock after their house had been bombed. With other patients, she was evacuated to the country.

Then her family received a police call to go to the hospital as she was dangerously ill. Puzzled and shocked, they rushed to the hospital.

They knew immediately the heavily bandaged figure in the bed was not Mrs. Dean. But the records said it was Mrs. Dean, and gave her address.

Then the mystery was solved. The patient was a Mrs. Dean, but not Edward's mother.

Her records had been mixed with those of incoming patients. A telephone call straightened the matter out. Mrs. Dean was well and happy in the country, and looking forward to her family's visit.

FLEW OVER GERMANY WITH CZECH SECRETS

The secret of the mysterious aeroplane which landed at Croydon on the evening before the Germans entered Prague two years ago has at last been revealed.

When the German detachments on the evening of March 15, 1939, invaded the Czechoslovak Republic there was an historic scene in the General Staff building in Prague.

Escape In A Storm

One of the high officers of the Czechoslovak army had to decide what to do with the state's valuable documents and files, which it was thought would be of great value to any western countries threatened by Germany.

At length 11 officers of the Czechoslovak Intelligence Service were told to get this valuable material out of the country at all costs.

The job was not a simple one. There was danger not only for the officers but also for their families, who would certainly fall into the hands of the Germans the next day.

A heavy storm was raging over Prague. But they had to take off as quickly as possible. Their aeroplane climbed as high as possible, because orders had been given by the Germans forbidding aeroplanes to take off, and threatening to fire on any which disobeyed.

Germans' Search

The aeroplane left Bohemia and flew west over Germany. Here the storm was even worse, and from time to time the aeroplane was driven miles out of its direction.

As darkness fell searchlights began to sweep the skies, and the aeroplane was picked up in the beams. Again it had to climb to escape.

"The Germans had been told of our escape and were searching for us," one of the officers stated. They escaped, however, and

BLACK-OUT LIGHTS: DIPLOMATS WARNED

THE DIPLOMATIC Corps as a body is being asked to ensure that the black-out regulations are strictly observed by its members, writes the "Sunday Express" Diplomatic Correspondent.

The corps includes all the Ambassadors and Ministers of foreign countries accredited here.

There have recently been complaints that the black-out is broken by foreign diplomats.

The "Sunday Express" revealed that unsecured lights are being shown by people connected with embassies and legations.

They plead diplomatic immunity when investigations are made.

TEACHING SEX APPEAL

The technique of sex appeal should be taught to university students, says Miss Pearl Buck, the novelist.

"Nothing can give sex appeal to the man or woman who does not possess the technique, whether God-given or taught," she told the Progressive Education Association of Philadelphia.

"The teaching of sex appeal technique should be included as part of the education of men and women for each other," she added, "with full training in regard to the proper times and places to use it."—Reuter.

GRAND COULEE DAM AT WORK

Grand Coulee, the biggest dam in the world, which cost £40,000,000 to build and forms a barrier three-quarters of a mile long and 550ft high on the Columbia River, 100 miles north-west of Spokane, went into action recently when it started to generate electricity which will eventually provide the entire Pacific North-West with power.

Completed in less than eight years, the huge structure, the base of which covers 35 acres, is three times larger than the largest Egyptian pyramid.

after a short stop in a neutral airport in Northern Europe, these 11 Czechoslovak officers landed at Croydon at 10.40 p.m. on March 14, 1939.

They were the first Czechs to join the British. They became military collaborators of President Benes in London, and are now serving in the Czechoslovak army in Great Britain.

The story was told by one of the aeroplane's passengers.

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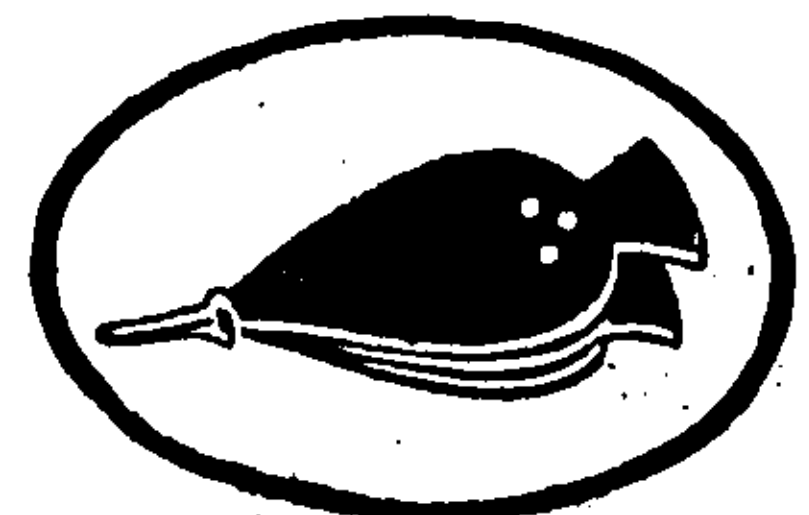
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- From 7.30 a.m. to 9.30 a.m. (approx.) Gloucester Road and that part of Hennessy Road between Fenwick Street and Stewart Road, will be closed to Vehicular Traffic.
- Traffic will be diverted by way of Johnston Road or Lockhart Road.
- Car parks will be formed in that part of Luard Road, O'Brien Road and Fleming Road which lies between Hennessy Road and Johnston Road. The Car Parks in O'Brien Road and Luard Road are reserved for the cars of official spectators. Persons arriving by car are requested to approach by way of Johnston Road.
- From 7.30 a.m. to 9.30 a.m. (approx.) the following routes will be diverted to the following roads.
Route No. 1 will proceed via Johnston Road from Arsenal St. to Wanchai Road.
Route No. 2 will proceed via Lockhart Road from Arsenal St. to Tonchoy Road, and via Tonchoy Road to Hennessy Road.

Sd. J. P. PENNEFATHER-EVANS,
Commissioner of Police
Hong Kong, 10th June, 1941.

BANK HOLIDAY.

In Accordance with Government Ordinance, THE EXCHANGE BANKS will be CLOSED for the Transaction of Public Business on **THURSDAY, the 12th June, 1941.** (The Birthday of His Majesty The King.)
Hong Kong, 7th June, 1941.

PEAK TRAMWAYS COMPANY, LIMITED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the ANNUAL ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of Shareholders will be held at the HONG KONG HOTEL, Hong Kong, on **WEDNESDAY, the 11th JUNE, 1941, at 11.00 A.M.,** for the purpose of receiving the Report of Directors together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ended 30th April, 1941.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from **WEDNESDAY, 4th day of June, to WEDNESDAY, the 11th of June, 1941, both days inclusive.**

JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON,
General Managers.
Hong Kong, 29th May, 1941.

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Notice To Shareholders

THE SIXTIETH ORDINARY MEETING of Shareholders will be held at the Offices of the undersigned on **WEDNESDAY, the 25th June, 1941, at Noon,** for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Agents, together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ended the 31st December, 1940.

The Share Register and Transfer Books will be closed from the 11th June to the 25th June, 1941, both days inclusive.

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Hong Kong, 4th June, 1941.

BRIDGE NOTES

AGGRAVATING A MISFIT

By The Four Aces

A wise player looks for an opportunity to pass as soon as he senses a misfit. North, in to-day's hand, was not a wise player, so he gave the opponents 800 points as a gift.

South, Dealer

North-South vulnerable

NORTH

♠ Q

♥ 9 8

♦ K Q J 9 7

♣ A 9 7 6 3

WEST

♠ K 10 6 2

♥ A 2

♦ A 8 6 3 2

♣ J 2

EAST

♠ 9 5

♥ J 10 5 4

♦ 10 6

♣ K Q 10 5 4

SOUTH

♠ A J 8 7 4 3

♥ K Q 7 6 3

♦ 4

♣ 8

The bidding:

South	West	North	East
1♠	2♣	Dbl.	Pass
2♥	Pass	3♠	Pass
3♥	Pass	3NT	Dbl.
4♠	Dbl.	5♥	Dbl.
Pass	Pass	Pass	

North's double of two diamonds was, of course, perfectly sound; but so was South's decision to bid his hearts. The South hand was worth little defensively but a great deal on offence if North had a fit for either of the major suits. And, if North had been a wise player, he would have passed right then and there!

HIGH CARD VALUES OF THE FOURACES SYSTEM

ACE... 3
KING... 2
QUEEN... 1
JACK... 0
TOTAL VALUE OF SUIT
AVERAGE HAND 42

It was obvious that South had taken out the double of two diamonds because he had unusual distribution and not much defensive strength. And since South had bid the two major suits, it was obvious that his unusual distribution consisted of length in those two suits. North could see that he could get nowhere bidding the minors or even no-trump; the hand was just a misfit, and the sooner he passed the better off he would be.

That is, North could see all that if he had eyes to see. But some players are deaf to all warnings and blind to all stop signals; and North, a member of that class, persisted in his stubborn bidding until the opponents doubled. The result was an 800-point penalty instead of a fulfilled part score of two hearts.

Yesterday you were Oswald Jacoby's partner and, with both sides vulnerable, you held:

♠ K 7 5
♥ J 8 8 2
♦ 8 4
♣ K 9 8 3

The bidding:

Schenker	Jacoby	Maler	You
1NT	Dbl.	2♥	(?)

ANSWER: Double. Your partner has a reasonably balanced and very strong hand, so your four trumps and two Kings guarantee a good-sized set if the opponents stay in two hearts.

Score 100% for double, 20% for pass.

Question No. 738

To-day you are Howard Schenker's partner and, with both sides vulnerable, you hold:

♠ 10 8 6 3 2
♥ 7
♦ Q J 8 4
♣ K 8 5

The bidding:

Jacoby	Schenker	Maler	You
1NT	Dbl.	5♥	(?)

What do you bid? (Answer: To-morrow.)

(Released by The Bell Syndicate, Inc.)

ANGRY AT MINT THEFT

A Royal Mint refinery official told East London Juvenile Court recently that the theft of £100 worth of silver coins by a boy packer was "the most terrible affair we have had," and was "resented by the boy's fellow-workers."

It had been stated that the boy, aged fifteen, broke open a crate when he was alone in a strong-room. He took the coins out of the building from time to time in his gas mask container.

The Mint official also said in court that the boy was never left alone for more than a quarter of an hour. The probable reason he had not been heard opening the crate was that there was a certain amount of noise in the building.

Adjourning the case the chairman, Mr. Basil Henriques, said: "It does not excuse the boy in the least, but it does seem that he had planned the theft after discovering that he was often left alone."

WAIT TILL HE HEARS OF THIS

Naval guards removing 500 crewmen from the seized 23,250-ton Italian liner Conte Biancamano for transport to New York had quite a start when some of the prisoners were seen to heave a heavy object overboard.

Believing it to be a bomb, Navy divers gingerly groped for the object and finally brought it up. Carefully uncovering its canvas wrappings they found:

A life-size bronze bust of Premier Mussolini!

Unofficially it was reported that the Conte Biancamano's engines had been so badly sabotaged that repairs would require several months.

MILLION WORKERS BY JULY 1

Dr. John W. Studebaker, United States Commissioner of Education, predicted that by July 1,000,000 workers will be trained for skilled defence jobs in vocational and technical schools throughout the United States.

In a talk before the Workers Education Bureau, celebrating its twentieth anniversary, Dr. Studebaker asserted that labour, education and Government had cooperated to provide national defence industries with skilled men, and declared "we are going to succeed at the job of defending democracy, whatever the cost."

Matthew Woll, Vice-President of the American Federation of Labour, and Chairman of the Education Bureau, declared that "trade unionism and Hitlerism cannot live together."

"To-day the Nazi regime symbolises the rule of violence and anarchy in international affairs," Mr. Woll said. "Their policy violates every sense of human decency that we know. But for labour this threat of the Nazi tyranny is a threat not only to democratic process, but the possibility of trade unions to survive in the world."

TRIUMPH of SCIENCE!

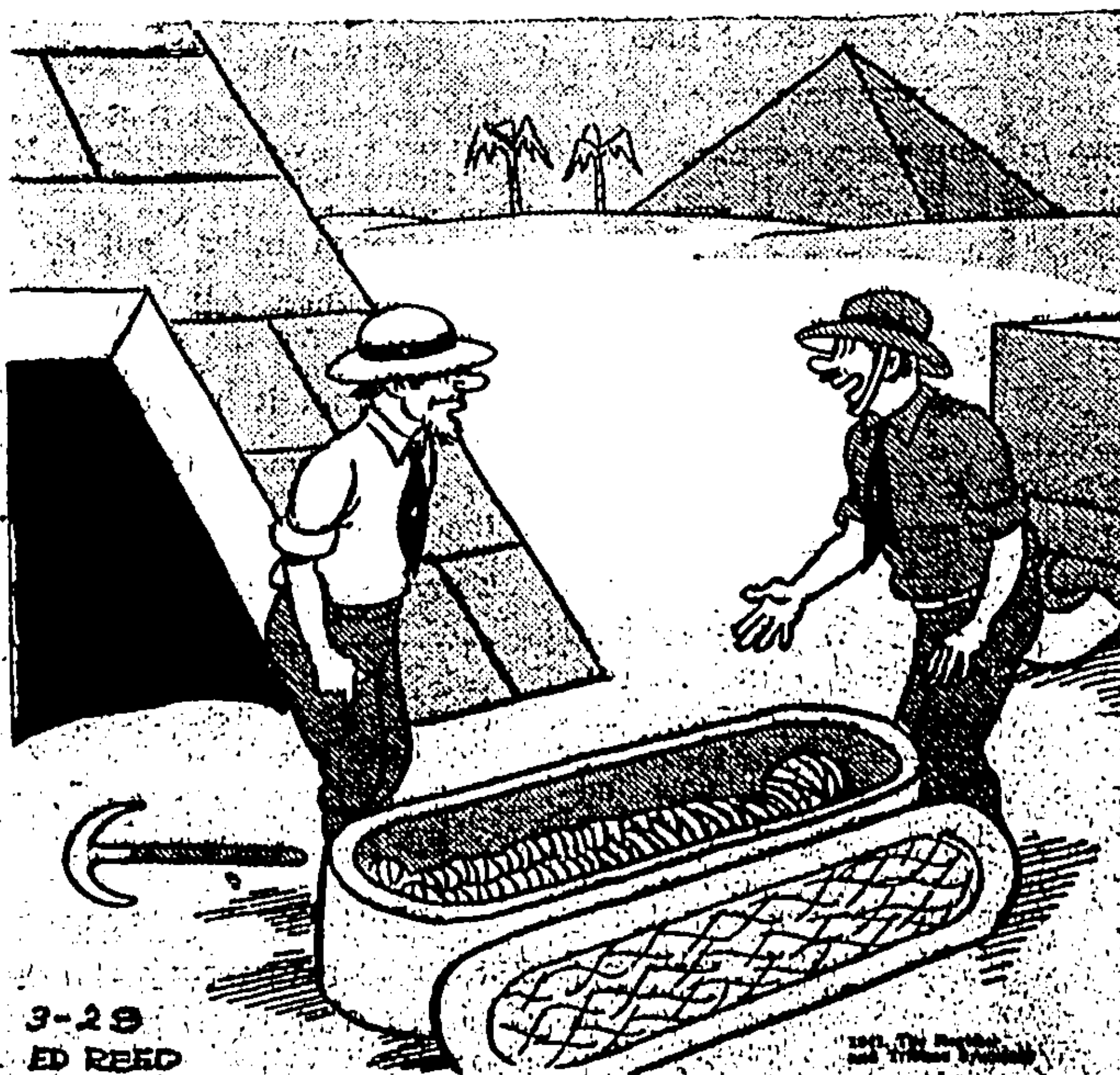
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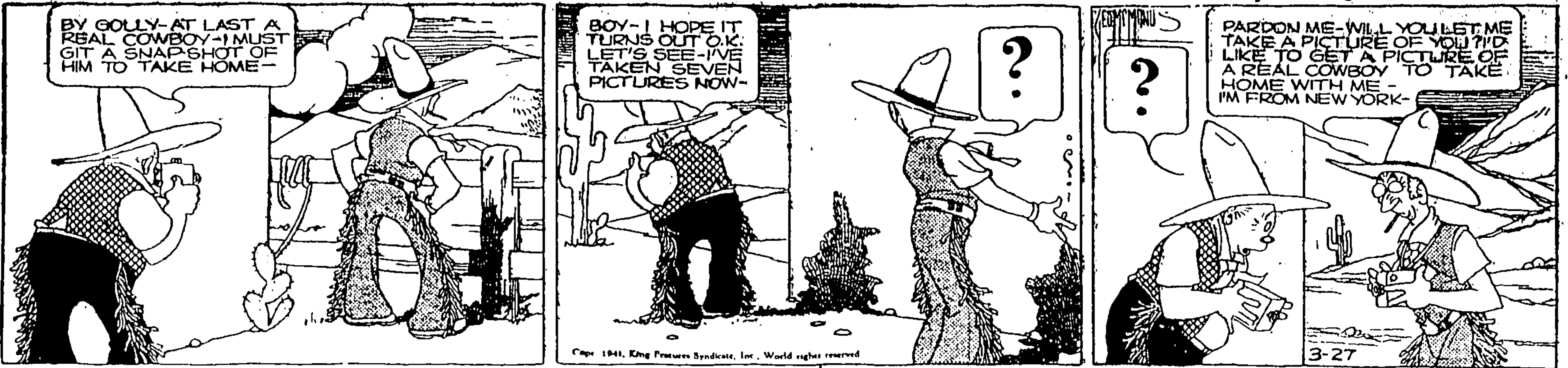
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Bringing Up Father

By George MacManus



A PAGE FOR WOMEN Icy Dip Is Finale To Perfect Make-Up

When Mona Manet, fascinating young New York cosmetician, describes the correct procedure for her flattering make-up, she likens it to the famous Chinese flower art. Chinese women, you know, start with a very large bouquet and gradually eliminate one flower after another until eventually there are only a few blossoms left in the arrangement!

For an exquisite facial effect, Miss Manet believes a woman should spend thirty minutes, making up her face and finish by removing most of what she has applied by ducking her face into a bowl of ice water!

If that sounds silly to you read her directions for new make-up to be worn with Beige—the season's leading colour:

On your cleaned skin apply several tiny dots of brunette foundation cream. Wet the finger tips and smooth the foundation into the thinnest imaginable film. Apply a lively red cream rouge close to the eyes (to cover the circles) and towards the temple (that's the direction you blush). Use two eyeshadows, Grey to begin with—smoothed on very gently. Then green close to the lashes.

Eyebrows make or break a make-up, so the eyebrow pencil is used with the lightest of strokes following the hair growth—never press the hair into a solid line.

Now you are ready for your lipstick which will match your rouge in colour. Apply it with a long haired Chinese brush. You may restyle your mouth completely and give it a new appealing shape or you may follow your true lip line. Outline the lips first and then fill in and blot off excess colouring on a cob-webby tissue—set rouge by dusting lips with face powder and then paint them again.

Now you powder. (A goldish shade is lovely with beige.) Use an immaculately clean fluffy puff or a large swoosh of fresh absorbent cotton. Miss Manet advises you to powder your face lavishly



The smoothing of foundation cream is the primary step in attaining a clever, flattering make-up. Mildred Coles of Warner's Studio spends ten minutes applying her foundation film.

all over, right up to your hair line. Then brush the powder away with a soft, long bristled brush.

As a finish—here my dears is the shock—dip your entire face quickly into a bowl of ice-cold water! Blot with a thin tissue. no wiping. Then just a "suspense" of beauty

oil on eyelids and brows, a bit of mascara on upper eyelashes with a clean brush.

If you carry out all these instructions the effect will be that of radiant health—a lovely glow untinged by obvious paint and powder!

It is the Chinese method and a good one!

Well-Manicured Nails Protect Sheer Hose



Dieting. Dot says sticking a finger into every pie doesn't help one while striving to get into the feather-weight class.

Business girls discover that a weekly manicure and daily care of fingernails is truly a good investment of time or money, for when the hands are free of hangnails and the polish is smooth, there is little possibility of snagging one's hose. The smallest hangnail or merest split can catch a silk thread and cause a run which certainly involves greater expense than the cost of a manicure!

Women who complain about chipping and splitting nails should check up on their daily habits. Opening a wrist-watch safety clasp, for instance, will split a nail, or using bobby pins will do it. I've seen beautiful nails split and the polish chip from the simple job of opening a package. If you want beautiful nails you must be careful how you use them. Do not expect them to substitute for knives or scissors!

If you paint your nails with coloured lacquer it is good to go without it for a week or so when your nails show indication of being below par in health. During that time keep them nicely

shaped and buff them to a natural gloss. Also eat of the foods which help to build strong nails such as milk, beans, cheese, eggs, fish, asparagus, peas and lentils, barley, endive.

Many women find that a clear base beneath the polish helps the polish to wear better and prevents the more vivid colours from staining the nails. Never, never paint fresh polish over old, chipped polish—it doesn't look smooth and it is bound to flake off.

About Nail Shades

Nail polish shades follow fashion's colour chart very closely. If new shades of dress and coat materials appear you may be assured that there is a nail polish on your cosmetic counter which matches, contrasts or blends with it. In fact there are so many variations of nail polish shades now presented that I cannot begin to describe them.

However, three of the newest are American through and through for they are named after our national habits such as

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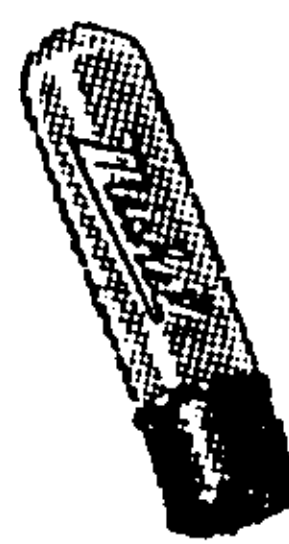
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drinking pop, eating hot dogs, see them displayed to tempt and being perennially optimistic your pennies. Lighter shades are still worn by fifty per cent of the women and girls as I discovered upon questioning a dozen or so manicurists in the better salons—so are national summer classics, a and a bronzed rose for the muted shades of many colours. You'll hesitate to wear a pale polish,

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The Dubarry—If I am Dreaming (Leigh-Millock)... Heddle Nash (Tenor) with Orchestra.

When Day is Done (De Sylva—Katscher)... Paul Whiteman & his Concert Orchestra.

1.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal and Programme Summary.

1.02 p.m.—Variety.

Vocal—I Wished on the Moon (from "The Big Broadcast of 1936")... I'm in the Mood for Love (from "Every Night at Eight")... Lanny Ross with Orchestra accomp.

Orch.—Hot Pie: Part 1—Quicksteps; Part 2—Slow Fox-Trots... Scott Wood & his Six Swingers.

Vocal—It's like reaching for the Moon (Lewis & others); Long ago and Far away (film "Three Cheers for Love")... Frances Langford with Orchestra.

Orch.—One never knows, does one? (from "Stowaway")... Mal Hallett & his Orchestra.

Vocal—Yodelling Hobo (Ted & Ezra) The Hill Billies with Their Own Novelty Accomp.

1.30 p.m.—Reuter & Rugby Press and Announcements.

1.45 p.m.—Swing and Sway with Sammy Kaye.

Fox-Trots—Amapola; You're the Moment of a Lifetime.

Waltz—Down the Gypsy Trail (from "Ecstasy")...

Fox-Trot—Along the Santa Fe Trail (film "Along the Santa Fe Trail"); Sunset at Sea; That's my Way of saying I Love You; A Cathedral in Rio; The Gaucho Serenade.

Waltz—As 'round and 'round we go.

2.15 p.m.—Close down.

5.45 p.m.—Indian Programme.

6.30 p.m.—Closing Local Stock Quotations.

6.32 p.m.—Dance Music.

Fox-Trots—Keep an Eye on your Heart; I'm always chasing Rainbows (film "Ziegfeld Girl")... Joe Reichman & his Orchestra.

Waltz—Confidence; Quick-Step—Memories of You... Victor Silvester & his Ballroom Orchestra.

Rumbas—When Bomba plays a Rumba; When a Cuban says "I Love You"... Harry Roy & his Orchestra.

Fox-Trot—A Nightingale sang in Berkeley Square (from "New Faces"); Quick-Step—Tiggerty Boo... Joe Loss & his Orchestra.

7.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News.

7.15 p.m.—London Relay—"Questions of the Hour".

7.30 p.m.—Portuguese Programme.

8.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal, Programme Summary and Announcements.

8.02 p.m.—Popular Selections from Light Opera.

"The Maid of the Mountains"—Selection... The London Palladium Orch. "The Bohemian Girl"—Vocal Gems... Light Opera Company.

"Belle of New York"—Selection (Kerker)... Band of H.M. Coldstream Guards.

"The Merry Widow"—Villa; The Merry Widow Waltz... Jeannette MacDonald (Soprano) with Orch.

8.30 p.m.—Paul Robeson (Bass) and the Boston Orchestra.

Waltz—"The Sleeping Beauty" Ballet (Tchaikovsky); Polonaise Militaire in A Major (Chopin, orchestrated by Glazounov)... Boston Promenade Orchestra.

Blue Prelude (Bishop); Swing Along (Cook)... Paul Robeson (Bass) with Orchestra.

Entry of the Boyards—March (Halvorsen)... Boston Promenade Orch.

Dear Old Southland (Creamer-Layton)... Paul Robeson (Bass) with Orchestra.

Intermezzo—"Cavaleria Rusticana" (Mascagni)... Boston Orchestra.

9.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News & News Commentary.

9.15 p.m.—Piano Recital by Alfred Cortot.

Ballade No. 3 in A Flat Major; Op. 47 (Chopin); "Rigoletto"—Paraphrase de Concert (Verdi—Liszt); Valse in A Flat, Op. 69, No. 1 (Chopin); Jeux d'Eau (The Fountain) (Ravel); Fantaisie Impromptu in C Sharp Minor; Op. 66 (Chopin).

9.45-10.00 p.m.—News in French (on Short Wave only).

9.45 p.m.—Luigini—Ballet Egyptian. Marek Weber and His Orchestra.

10.00 p.m.—Wagner—"The Valkyrie" Act 1; Characters and Soloists in order of appearance: Siegmund... Lauritz Melchior (Tenor); Sieglinde... Lotte Lehmann (Soprano); Hunding... Emanuel List (Bass) with The Vienna Philharmonic Orchestra, cond. by Bruno Walter.

11.00 p.m.—Close down.

BREAKING POINT NEAR IN FRANCE

MATTERS IN FRANCE are reaching breaking point. So far the Germans have pretended not to notice the hostility daily growing stronger and more bitter. Their policy has been to placate, to try to cajole by talk of collaboration and the "essential role of France" in the new Europe, until such time as, after victory (about which they don't look quite so sure) the mask could be thrown off and France disposed of in accordance with the intention in black and white in Hitler's book, "Mein Kampf", which we have not forgotten—"Il faut abattre la France" (France must be smashed).

This action has duped no one. The papers are filled with lies of German propaganda that no one pays any attention to. Paris and the whole of occupied France are one hundred per cent. de Gaulle. How much longer will the Germans be able to pretend they do not see the solid hatred of them?

The other day on the Boulevard St. Michel, when a German patrol stopped for a moment, students at a cafe began to sing Chopin's Dead March. They were orderly and not singing too loudly. The students, by the way, now flock to the Cafe Lutece. Lutece was the capital of "la Gaule"—the allusion is obvious. They used to carry long thin sticks, or "gaules," but as these could be designated as possible arms they were prohibited.

French people whistle the "Marche Lorraine," the march of de Gaulle's men in London. It is a well-known popular march and cannot be objected to. Speaking of Lorraine, the Lorraine cross has been something of a rage, seen everywhere. Even the German soldiers, in ignorance of its significance, buy Lorraine crosses to send home.

Over-applauding in the cinemas has given way to fits of mass coughing when a German propaganda film displeases. The German in a Paris shop has a bad time in making himself understood, even though he may speak French fluently. He is made to repeat a dozen times the name of any article he wants. His money doesn't talk; it's as false as he is. The German women have a worse time. They are almost openly laughed at because of their inability to look "chic." "I never shall look chic," said one of these gawky German women, in a moment of candour and envy. "Oh yes you will," said the shop girl. And leaning across the counter she almost hissed, "Quand tu sera crevee" (When you're dead).

The nine o'clock curfew is slightly less rigorously enforced. When patrols marched through some of the obscure streets in Montmartre flower pots fell off window sills. One patrol, in a rough quarter, was pounced on and downed to a man and soundly beaten. The Germans said little about this for obvious reasons.

But this sort of thing cannot go on for long. The German will be pushed to use force and show his hand. That is what he fears. The storm is brewing all right.

'SILENT GANG' ROB POST OFFICE SAFES

"The Silent Gang" is held to be responsible for two Post Office safe robberies in London, a gang which has recently carried out a number of similar carefully planned coups.

The latest were at Humber Road, Cricklewood, in which the haul was about £1,400 in notes, cash and postal orders, and at Gander Green-lane, Cheam, Surrey, where the contents of the safe were worth at least £500 and probably more.

Used A Car

In each case, the thieves are assumed to have used a car to get away with the safe, as in previous instances. They did their work in silence—a feature of all the robberies which has earned the gang its name.

It was stated in the House of Commons recently that there had been 183 post office robberies in the last seven months, though there was no loss in a number of cases.

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"PETER PAN" MAYOR

Once a week the Mayor of Gateshead, Alderman P. S. Hancock, "becomes a child" and writes a long letter to the twenty children he has "adopted" and who have been sent overseas from his town.

He gives them the latest news of their pals at school.

"I can imagine just how lonely those kiddies feel in a strange land," Alderman Hancock told the "Daily Mirror."

"Writing in a grown-up manner would be no use to many of them, so I think out all the old words I used as a kiddie, and then I write as one child to another in simple phrases they can understand. That is the hardest part of the job."

"Teachers give me news of the absent kiddies' friends and I pass it on. I spend many hours each week writing. In fact, I am up until nearly two o'clock in the morning."

"I always write personally and use the Mayor's official paper. The crest on the notepaper delights the children."

"All of them have written back, even the youngest, telling me how glad and excited they are to receive my letters."

"I am beginning to feel as though the children are my own. The parents have all thanked me for the interest I have taken in them."

PILOT TOLD QUEEN A MILITARY SECRET

Pilot Officer Jack Calder of the Canadian Air Force found himself squarely on the spot, when he and a group of fellow fliers, wandering through the grounds of Windsor Castle, ran squarely into King George and Queen Elizabeth.

"How many men came on your crossing?" asked the Queen, making conversation.

Pilot Calder was on the verge of replying, when he suddenly caught himself.

"I am sorry, Your Majesty, but I guess I shouldn't say, seeing it's a military secret," he hedged.

"Oh I think you can trust me," the Queen said, reassuringly.

So he told her.

GEORGE LOOKED & FOUND ONION!

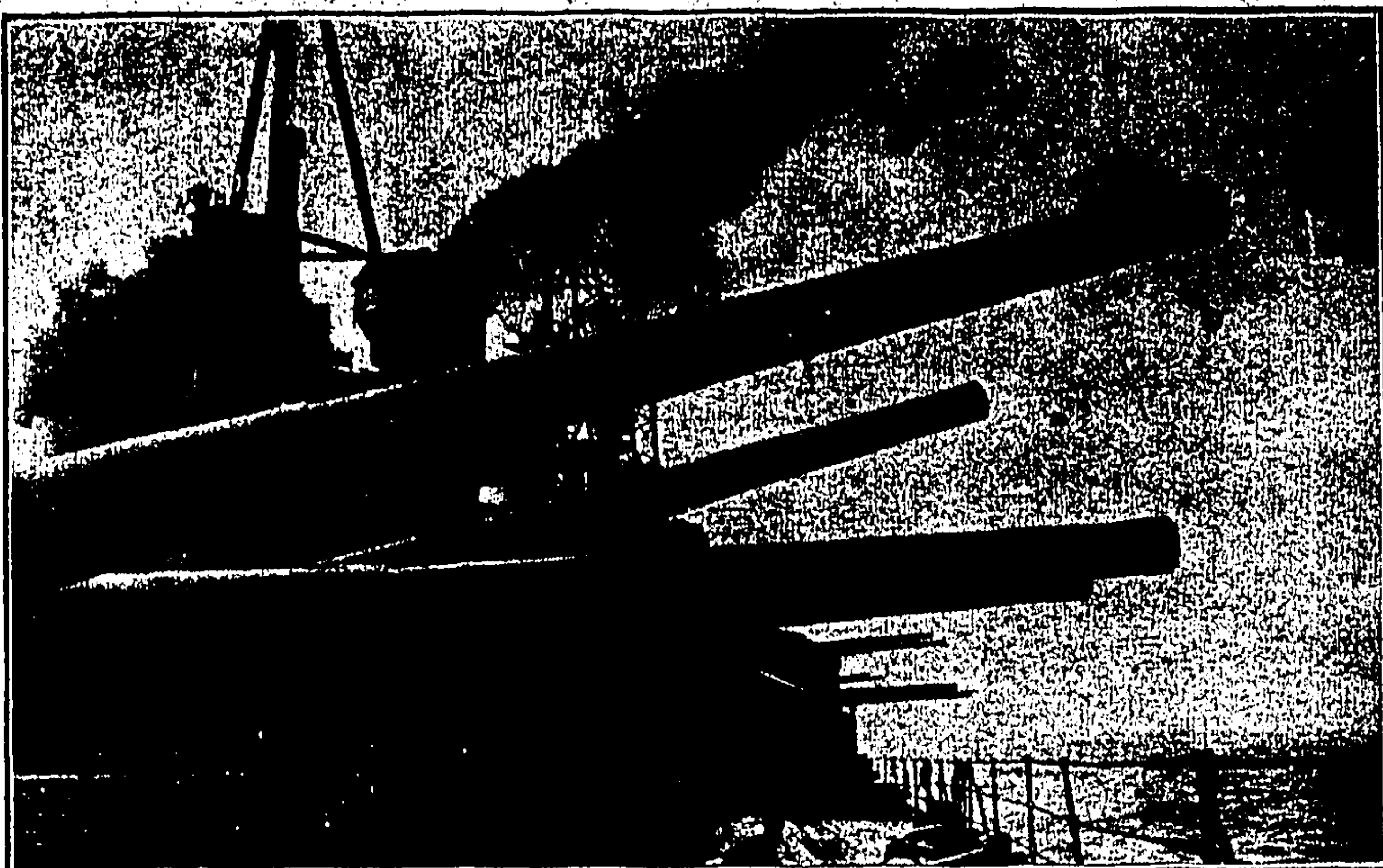
George Robey used to tell audiences how he "stopped and looked and listened."

To-day he stopped and looked

and found an onion! Motoring to open War Weapons Week at Shifnal (Shropshire) he was stopped by a woman who gave him a mysterious linen bag. On opening it, he found it contained an onion.

The onion was auctioned by George at the Weapons Week opening and fetched 15 guineas.

Orplington (Kent) district raised about £250,000 in its War Weapons Week. It aimed at £100,000.



Britain's newest and mightiest battleship, King George V, which was engaged against the Bismarck, has a formidable armament including quadruple 14" gun turrets. This picture shows the four giant guns of one of these turrets, with secondary armament, 5.25" guns in the background. Men under the guns are preparing a towing cable during "general drill." (Copyright, Fox).

SERBIAN PRISONERS CLEARING CAPITAL

Travellers from Belgrade, bomb-ravaged Capital of Yugoslavia, report 6,000 fatalities occurred there and that the City is returning to normal.

German military authorities are organising a new city administration and ruins of buildings are being razed.

The travellers report that Jews and Serb war prisoners are being put to work clearing the wreckage. The waterworks and electricity have been restored, they report, but the railroads have not resumed operation because of the destruction of bridges and tunnels. The food situation in Belgrade is described as critical.

ACROSS THE WORLD TO JOIN R.A.F.

THE SCOTSMAN FROM PATAGONIA, WHO AS RECENTLY REPORTED, ARRIVED IN BRITAIN TO FLY IN THE R.A.F. AFTER JOURNEYING HUNDREDS OF MILES ON HORSEBACK TO BUENOS AIRES, HAS NOW BEEN JOINED BY ANOTHER BRITISH RESIDENT FROM THE SAME REMOTE REGION.

The latest arrival was doing well in Patagonia. He had good business prospects and had recently become engaged to be married. But the call of the R.A.F. was too strong to resist. He left his job, took farewell of his future wife and set out across the world to London.

One stage of the trip to Buenos Aires was made by air.

During the last part of the long sea voyage his ship was dogged by submarines but was not attacked. The whole journey from Patagonia to England took three months.

"GOOD LUCK-- CARRY ON"

The report of a fighter pilot who recently attacked and is believed to have destroyed a Ju.88 over the sea contains the following entry: "The leader called me over his radio and said that his engine was misbehaving and he was losing ground on the enemy. He wished me to carry on."

The pilot, a sergeant, carried on to such good effect that the raider was left in a badly crippled condition over the North Sea with little chance of reaching home.

The sergeant and his colleague, a squadron leader, had set out to intercept an enemy bomber which they sighted just off the coast of East Anglia.

"The squadron leader attack d and gave three short bursts," said the sergeant's report. "I was too far away to see their effect. Then he called me over the radio."

"When I got the word to carry on I overtook the enemy machine rapidly and we both opened fire together. I closed in and forced the German plane down over the water. I think I must have silenced the rear-gunner, as the return fire stopped after my fourth burst."

"When I broke off the engagement I sat behind the enemy plane for a while out of range and watched. He tried to climb but fell back and I left him fifty miles out going slowly, some ten feet above the water."

BRITISH SINK 'ALLIGATORS'

Colourful language is used to describe war news to the 8,000,000 or so South African natives, the majority of whom are illiterate.

The Department of Native Affairs now issues the news in the several languages of the Bantu peoples.

Some picturesque accounts of air battles fought in the course of the war at sea are presented to the natives by specially chosen radiocasters. About the newspapers offices also, groups of natives are to be seen scanning the news sheets printed in native languages. Those who can read take on the job of telling those who cannot.

An example of the type of news paragraphs supplied is as follows: "It is officially made known from London that since Monday of the past week two Nazi Sea-Alligators (U-boats) are known to have been slain by the British."

Describing British defence against daylight air attackers a report says: "Machines of our fore up into the sky at them and cannons from the ground (anti-aircraft guns) let go showers of shells at them wherever they appeared."

BOMBER DOWNS ATTACKER

One night a heavy bomber was making its way along the coast of France after attacking the naval base at Brest when a Messerschmidt 110 came up from below.

Our air gunner opened fire at a range of about 600 feet. He saw his first burst hit the fuselage and the enemy stalled and then made a turn to the left, which suggested that it had been badly hit. Our pilot dived after the enemy and pursued it for 3,000 feet down.

When the enemy was caught abeam the rear gunner sent in two more bursts, and at once the Messerschmidt's elevators and tail came to pieces. The nose dropped and the enemy went spinning into the clouds below. The front gunner saw it go, and confirmed the rear gunner's report.



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ARMY'S CONTRIBUTION TO BASEBALL

By "Squaddy"

The "Sappers," it will be recalled, were the first Military team in the Colony to take to the noble sport of "swatting the apple." When the game had such a grip on them they decided that it was time to see the Area Sports Board with the view of obtaining a ground for the purpose of practice and the playing of the sport.

Owing to the shortage of grounds on the Island, Area Sports Board were approached for the use of Chatham Road Sports Ground. This ground was granted to the Hong Kong Baseball League for the summer season.

As soon as they heard this the Engineers got busy and supervised the contractor in the construction of the present Baseball pitch and stands. This in itself was a lot of hard work and worry and a race against time.

On Saturday "Sappers" were amply rewarded when His Excellency The Governor, Sir Geoffrey Northcote, officially opened the new Baseball Ground at Chatham Road.

As previously mentioned in the column a circular has been sent to all Units in the Command asking for their views on the forming of an Army Baseball League. It is hoped that in the near future a few more Military teams will enter the Baseball League.

The game is still in its infancy in the Army yet, its costliness of equipment being one of its chief drawbacks, but next season should see the sport well on its way to being one of the most popular sports in the Colony.

HOCKEY

The Final of the Garrison Cup between Middlesex and Rajputs on Sunday was one of the most exciting games ever witnessed in Army Hockey.

Both sides were determined to win or die in the attempt for the Cup, the result was excellent play on both sides. The game began with long passes ruling and for the first 20 minutes, play was confined to midfield, so well did the defence of both sides work.

The Rajputs were always for keeping the ball upfield by long passes to the wing and should on numerous occasions have scored, but the inside forwards lacked understanding. They did not seem to work as a team. Middlesex winger Jackson sent a pass through which Bright placed in the net. The ball was driven with such a velocity and force that it came into the field of play again and for a few moments the play continued in front of the goal until the whistle blew.

About 10 minutes after the beginning of the second half Rajputs retaliated by netting a good goal which was the direct result of some excellent stick work. The "Diehards" defenders were hard put now against the short passing

and "flicking" moments of their opponents.

With the score level both teams livened up and the defence on either side was called upon to give some extra effort to keep the opposing forwards out.

Middlesex began to force the pace and were very aggressive on the left side of their attack. Jackson, Bright and Sheehan were very much responsible for the worry caused Rajputs' defence, and it was no surprise when Middlesex scored through Bright with about 10 minutes to go.

It then seemed as though the "Diehards" would be the winners, for with one goal up and a few minutes to go they played like demons to keep the lead. Many a time it appeared as though they would score again. But Rajputs were not beaten yet, for suddenly, with a minute or less to go, the ball went down the field towards Middlesex goal and a terrific shot was let loose, and the goalkeeper, Winfield, placed himself in the direction of the ball's flight. The ball struck his pads and ricocheted into the goal, a few seconds before the final whistle went.

Both team captains agreed to play ten minutes extra time "each way" and in this extra half, Middlesex were very unlucky not to score. They forced no less than three short corners in a very brief space of time.

There were no outstanding moments in this period and the match finished in a draw.

The re-play has been scheduled to take place on Sunday.

PRESENTATION

An anonymous person has approached Area Sports Board with the intention of presenting a Trophy to the Board, to be competed for in any Tournament the Board think fit. This generous offer is at present under consideration by the Area Sports Board.

SOUTH CHINA WIN AGAIN

South China touring football team beat Combined Malayan and Chinese by three clear goals at Ipoh on Sunday. The goal scorers were Lee Wai-tong and Lee Tak-kee (2).



HANDICAPS FOR MACAO RACING

Following are the handicaps for the Macao Jockey Club June Race Meeting to be held on Sunday at Macao:

THE CANBERRA HANDICAP—Six Furlongs—Australian Ponies "B", "C", "D" Classes.

A Good Time (135), Angel of Glory (152), Annabelle (138), Cockleoi (147), Double Finesse (158), Joan (159), National Victory (135), Tobaccoship (144), Odini (142), Ozark (142) and Winnie (145).

THE HOBART HANDICAP—Six Furlongs—Novice Jockeys. Australian Ponies "E" Class.

Beauford (135), Blue Gown (139), Boneshaker (142), Buckfastleigh (142), Dick Turpin (142), High Hat (137), Rising Star (143) and Subpoena (142).

THE LAPPA HANDICAP—Six Furlongs—China Ponies "C" Class.

Blue Diamond (140), Blue Field (152), Galveston Bay (147), Jennifer (138), Lancashire Lass (145), Night Express (140), Odeon (152), Oscar Zylch (142) and Smashing Through (147).

THE MA KOK HANDICAP—(First Section)—Six Furlongs. China Ponies "E" Class.

Black Diamond (135), George (140), King's Worthy (159), Mac's Adventure (140), National Success (152), Piet Hein (159), Rad Star (143) and Sports Venture (135).

THE STEWARDS' CUP—Six Furlongs—China Ponies "D" Class. Special Dollar Sweep.

Bootal Bay (140), Eve of Hunting (159), Golden Cow (146), Guinness Time (142), Lovely Star (150), Portrush (146), Royal Highness (135), Sunlight View (135) and West Lake (149).

THE MA KOK HANDICAP—(Second Section)—Novice Jockeys.

Eagle (147), Hopeful Time (152), National Anthem (146), National Liberty (159), New Bedford (159), The Mermaid (149), The Spirit of St. Louis (146) and Victory Life (135).

There is a Special Sweep for "The Stewards' Cup" limited to 50,000 Tickets at One Dollar each.

HOME SOCCER PLANS

The annual meeting of the Football League was held yesterday at Nottingham, when it was decided that next season the League should be run in two competitions, the North and the South, on a points basis, finishing December 26.

Several clubs were not in favour of this and put forward amendments which were defeated. In the second half of the season there will be a combined League and Cup competition but with the important provision that the committee, and not the clubs, make the League fixtures. The original intention was that the clubs should make their own fixtures. The committee will decide on the bases for the games' decision, points, goal-average or percentage. After 10 games the top 32 clubs will qualify for the Cup proper.

The early games may delay the county and local cup competitions and the London clubs are thinking up new arrangements that may prevent their cup tournament.

ILL WINDS FOLLOW CRAIG WOOD

CRAIG WOOD WILL GO down in history as one of the unfortunate golfers unless his luck changes in the next few years. His win in the Masters' tournament at Augusta (Georgia) with a return of 66, 71, 71, 72 for a total of 280 stamps him as a man of front rank but people are apt to forget tournament winners unless they succeed championships.

Open titles have eluded Craig Wood and now that he is on the way to his fortieth birthday he will not find it so easy to repel the advances of younger men.

Craig Wood has had a good share of district and tournament successes and he went to England in 1933 with a more than useful reputation. This he justified by sharing first place in the British Open championship at St. Andrews but he lost the replay to Densmore Shute, a compatriot with a Cornish connection. It is Shute who is chiefly remembered when the 1933 championship is talked about, not the man who, to be beaten in the replay, might just as well not have tried.

Then at home, in 1939, Craig Wood and Byron Nelson finished level for the American Open title but it was Nelson whose name was inscribed on the roll of champions for he won the replay.

Spreadeagled The Field

When Craig Wood teed up for the first round of the Masters' tournament this year one can visualise him saying "there will be no tie this time" and he certainly spreadeagled the field with a first round score of 66. This gave him a five strokes lead and nobody was ever within three strokes of him afterwards. The rest of the field were fighting for the minor prizes while Craig Wood had a stern grip on the major award of £300. Perhaps Craig Wood trembled a little in the second round, and had memories of 1939, for Nelson who had been installed a 7-1 favourite for the tournament, returned 69 then to secure second place, three strokes behind Craig Wood, who took 71. Wood, however, consolidated his position with another 71 in the third round, Nelson dropping back with 73 while Sam Byrd played a sterling 68 to deprive Nelson of second place.

Only once had a better score than 280 won the tournament and Craig Wood's 66 was six strokes below par and is the second best individual score, a similar round having been the course record until Ray Mangrum's 64 of last year.

There were many American "stars" in the field but none added to his reputation. Lawson Little the reigning American champion, finished eighth with 280, Gene Sarazen and Horton Smith were among the 297's, Jim Ferrier (Australia) took 299, M. Pose (Argentina) 299 and Bobby Jones—peerless a few years ago—finished with 307.

Walter Hagen did not finish. His first round cost him 87, his worst round in any tournament, and he did not arrive for the second round.—Reuter.

NEW POLE-VAULT RECORD

Cornelius Warmerdam obtained a new world pole-vault record of 15 ft. 8 1/2 ins. at Compton, California, yesterday.

Since April, 1940, when he was the first man to clear 15 ft., Warmerdam several times exceeded that height.

BOWLS CHAMPIONSHIPS START TO-DAY

The opening game for the Open Pairs Lawn Bowls championship will be played this afternoon when a large number of games are down for decision on both sides of the Harbour.

Following is to-day's programme:—

Open Pairs

At Kowloon Football Club

H. Drew and V. C. Dixon, v. T. A. Madar and A. E. P. Guest; V. Atienza and V. Chittenden, v. A. Eastman and W. Simpson.

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At Police Recreation Club
T. R. Hunter and L. Jack, v. J. W. Harrop and S. H. Marvin.

At Kowloon Docks

H. White and A. J. Hall, v. C. M. Silva and F. X. Soares; J. Noronha and C. G. Silva, v. E. Scard and J. E. Henson.

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At Kowloon Cricket Club

R. T. Broadbridge and N. A. E. Mackay, v. A. Steven and J. A. R. Selby.

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K. W. Forrow and A. G. Gratton, v. G. Willerton and G. Davies.

SOUTH CHINA BEAT UNIVERSITY

South China Athletic Association beat Hong Kong University Tennis Club by 6 sets to 3 in an "A" Division Tennis League match played at Pokfulam yesterday.

Set 1: Black and W. F. Liu (S.C.A.A.) beat S. H. Ling and Dr. A. L. Tsai 6-4.

Set 2: T. T. Lim and Dr. S. Wong beat H. F. Ong and G. Choa 1-6.

Set 3: F. N. Wong and W. Kwan (S.C.A.A.) beat Ling and Tsai 6-10.

Set 4: beat Lim and Wong 6-4.

Set 5: lost to Ong and Choa 4-10.

Set 6: J. Hui and A. Chan (S.C.A.A.) beat Ling and Tsai 6-3.

Set 7: lost to Lim and Wong 2-10.

Set 8: beat Ong and Choa 6-3.

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THE QUALITY BEER

Baer Nears Retirement As Lou Nova's Chances For Heavy Crown Bright

MAX BAER, FORMER world heavyweight champion and one of the ring's most colourful figures, will certainly not be able to fulfil his boast that he would regain the title within a year.

The time limit he had set himself is up in September and, far from wresting back the crown from Joe Louis, he may now be said to be finished as a championship contender.

It is even possible that Baer may decide to retire from boxing and that his name will recede into the past like so many champions before him. This melancholy note

is prompted by the severe drubbing he received at the hands of the young Californian, Lou Nova, who had Baer in such a groggy state that the referee, Arthur Donovan, stopped the fight.

Same "Playboy"

It was not the new and serious Max Baer who was seen in action against Nova. When Baer gave up his clowning and intimated that he was deadly serious, it certainly looked as though he meant it. He battered "Two Ton" Tony Galento and then thrashed Patrick Comiskey into submission in the first round.

But against Nova it was the same old play-acting, taunting "playboy" of the ring. He skipped around the ring with his famous scornful expression on his face, indulged in all his clowning tricks, including standing with his arms akimbo, taunting Nova to "come on and fight."

Following the example of Tommy Loughran, one of the finest boxers of his time, Baer would work way round to his own corner at the end of each round and lazily sink on to his stool with an air of contempt.

Nova Not Impressed

Nova was not impressed by this display, however, and, after surviving an anxious period in the fourth round—the only time we saw a glimpse of the real vicious Baer—he jabbed Baer silly with well-timed lefts while the crowd of 23,000 roared its approval. In the eighth round a short right to the jaw put Baer down for "nine" and another right cross once again deposited him on the canvas. He was soon up, but was in such a dazed state, with one eye almost closed and his face like pulp, that the referee intervened.

Baer's effort in the fourth round, in which he suddenly lashed out and, with a tiger-like snarl on his face went after Nova with both arms flailing, almost brought him success. Nova, willing in the face of such an onslaught, sauged to the canvas when caught by a flurry of blows to the head and body. He rose quickly, however, and fought back strongly to finish the round in good style.

By his performance Nova showed that he is made of championship stuff, especially when he came back to snatch victory from what looked to be defeat. What he lacked in punching power he made up for by his youth and cleverness.

To Meet Louis

It is extremely doubtful, however, whether Nova would far any better against Louis than the other heavyweights who have tried to wrest the title from the negro. Whatever the result when he squares up to Louis later in the year, probably in September, Nova will have thoroughly earned his chance.

He has shown great courage in overcoming obstacles that have cropped up at a vital time in his career. After the battering he received at the hands of Tony Galento in 1939 it was thought that he was finished with the ring. A mysterious complaint, which took six months to conquer, threw him back a long way.

On his return, a win over Patrick Comiskey, the young Irish-American hope, placed him in line for a title fight again, but his troubles were not over. He had to enter hospital again, this time for the removal of his tonsils. His form against Baer, however, showed that he has suffered no ill-effects.

Another Gene Tunney

Nova, who is 26 and therefore just reaching his peak, has been described as another Gene Tunney or Jim Corbett, with the latter's line, stand-up style. His manager asserts that he has all that Tunney had, and something he didn't have.

—viciousness and willingness to mix it. It is as a boxer that he shines, however, and he is probably the closest resemblance to Corbett in style that old-timers can remember.

Nova certainly comes from a school of champions. Spider Roche, who was responsible for his early boxing schooling in amateur days, passed out such men as Jim Corbett, Fidel La Barba and Fred Apostoli on their way to world championship laurels.

A student of correct diet and a total abstainer, Nova has always been a grand all-round athlete. At high school he starred at football, basketball and track and field athletics, being an expert with the javelin.

Nova has been boxing as a professional for about five years, and he has learned quickly. Some boxers can pick up more useful knowledge in a fight than others can in a dozen. An apt boxing student such as Nova is capable of learning more, of absorbing and utilising more quickly than the average exponent.

Hours of toil in the gymnasium have been taken up in perfecting himself in all phases and his efforts have been rewarded. He has brilliant defence and smart attack, expected in the style of a champion, and his ringcraft and generalship is beyond criticism.

The honour of restoring the heavyweight prestige of the white race could not be in better hands.



TO-DAY'S TENNIS

Following is to-day's Second Division Tennis League programme and some teams:—

C.R.C. v C.S.C.C.
K.C.C. v S.C.A.A.
A.T.C. v K.T.G.C.A.

S.C.A.A.—S. T. Lee and H. C. Wong; W. H. Ho and B. Szeto; W. T. Lee and W. C. Hoh.
C.R.C.—D. C. Luk and T. C. Chan; K. L. Ho and O. L. Pang; S. W. Liang and P. F. Choy.
C.S.C.C.—B. Agafuroff and W. J. Skinner; C. Sloan and J. Hempsey; J. A. Bendall and M. Yatskin.
K.C.C. (from the following):—A. E. P. Guest, and F. Grose; F. Kengelbacher and N. A. E. Mackay; F. Zimmern and D. Hazell.

GREAT FALLS TAKEN BY BIG ABE SIMON IN DETROIT

Niagara really shouldn't disappoint. Victoria Falls on the Zambezi is a sight. Bridal Veil is a beauty. Old vaudeville performers used to speak of Wap-pingers, and Carnera falls came down with a roar.

There are pitfalls, windfalls, landfalls and pinfalls, but none are like that Abe Simon took in the Detroit Olympia ring, recently.

A heavyweight has to be careful about what he does these days. If he isn't, he's likely to be tossed in there with Joe Louis, which is what happened to the mastedonic Simon.

The winter tumbling season had to go on, and Simon became the condemned man when he hung onto and outrode Roscoe Toles in the Motor City in early February. Toles grew very tired carrying 6 feet 4 inches and 255 pounds of Simon around.

This is one of the principal reasons why Simon was made to look simple by Louis in a jiffy. Smoky Joe keenly dislikes any form of manual labour.

It Might As Well Be For 100 Rounds

James Joy Johnston insisted the brawl be for 20 rounds. He at first demanded 100. You see, it really doesn't make any difference. Michigan is one of the few states which permits contests longer than 15 heats, and Jimmy Johnston felt that the novelty of the thing would bolster the ballyhoo.

Simon was fresh from being well pommelled by Big Jim Thompson, Pittsburgh Negro, in Baltimore, so the best way to boost this fight is to talk about everything else.

Johnston, the venerable Boy Bandit, points to the fact that Simon stood up under Toles' punches.

The difference this trip is that when Louis hits 'em they stay hit, as someone once remarked about Bob Fitzsimmons.

So they relate that Simon got that way tossing pickle barrels hither and yon in New York, and tell you that he consumes a basket of clams, three-inch steaks, platters of potatoes, mountainous salads and cups of coffee at a single sitting.

Maybe It Cost Too Much To Feed Simon

John Hay Whitney and Gene Dunney were the original sponsors of Simon, who is out of Richmond Ill.; L. I. Johnston, an Ol' Clo'seman of Flatiana, picked him up when they gave up. It costs more to feed Simon than it does one of Jock Whitney's horses.

There was some criticism of the event at first, but the first 15 rows of the Olympia were sold out at \$5 quicker than Del Baker can say Newsom, and the beef trust will play to a capacity crowd of 14,000.

The answer is, that the dear people like to see big guys go down in sections like broken scaffolding.

Not since Prime Beef Carnera has there been a bloke with gloves on his hands so well constructed for falling on Abe Simon.



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U.S.A. APPROVES ACTION

Allied Entry Into Syria Justified By Vichy Attitude

HELP SENT TO GANGES VICTIMS

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

A relief expedition is en route from Calcutta to the Barisal district to aid victims of the cyclonic flood in the Ganges Delta, in which 5,000 were reported drowned.

First word of the disaster, which occurred on May 25, reached Calcutta on Sunday night.—International News Service.

SHIPPING RESUMES

The steamship service on the Mekong River, suspended since the outbreak of the Thai-French Indo-China border dispute, will be reopened on June 10, it was officially announced in Hanoi yesterday.

Simultaneously a Government-subsidised line between Savannakhet and Hweissai, on the upper reaches of the Mekong, will be inaugurated.—Reuter.

VICHY NOTE TO LONDON

Reuter learns that the note relating to the events in Syria communicated by the French Ambassador in Madrid to the British Ambassador, Sir Samuel Hoare, has reached London and is under consideration.—Reuter.

Imperious Exigency Of War

AFTER A CONFERENCE between M. Henry Haye, the Vichy Ambassador, and Mr. Cordell Hull, it was learned at the State Department yesterday that the U.S. Government found no evidence to warrant a change in its critical view of Franco-German collaboration.

As regards the British entry into Syria, it was pointed out in informed quarters that the French did not defend Syria against the Germans who are reported to have used it as a base for air operations against the British in Iraq.

The question now arises, according to these sources, as regards the French attitude towards the British.

The Allied entry into Syria was justified by Vichy's determination actively to assist Germany, says the "Washington Post."

The paper says: "If ever Nelson's advice, that the boldest measures are the safest, was applicable it is now. The road to Iran and India lies through Syria, and Britain has no option but to take time by the forelock and get athwart it."

Imperious Exigency

The paper describes Vichy's denials that German ground troops are in Syria as possibly right but disingenuous in view of the number of "tourists" who have already gone in.

From a military standpoint the British and Free French action in Syria is "absolutely justified and corresponded to the imperious exigency of war."

This view was expressed yesterday by Portugal's leading military commentator, Major Alexander de Borais, writing in "O Seculo."

Portuguese Understanding

The facilities granted in Syria to the German Air Force during the campaign against Rashid Ali must be considered the limit of the extent to which Vichy collaboration with the Axis might have been developed in that area.

The Lisbon newspaper "Voz" writes: "It is understandable that Britain cannot allow the Germans to use Syria for vigorous action against Egypt and against the Arab world."—Reuter.

BENGHAZI BLASTED ONCE MORE

Heavy bombers of the Royal Air Force carried out prolonged raids on Benghazi and Derna on Sunday night, states a communique from the Royal Air Force Middle East Headquarters yesterday.

These were followed at dawn by machine-gun attacks on dispersed aircraft at Derna and Gazala and on a camp and motor transport concentrations near Martuba.

Considerable damage was caused to airfields, six enemy aircraft being burned out at Gazala and a further eight completely destroyed at Derna. Many other enemy aircraft were badly damaged.

Fires and explosions were caused in Benghazi as a result of the bombing raid, while at Derna several direct hits by high-explosive bombs started large fires followed by explosions.

Two of our aircraft so far have failed to return to base.—Reuter.

NO CHANGE IN LIBYA

THERE IS NO CHANGE IN THE SITUATION IN LIBYA AND ALL IS QUIET IN IRAQ, STATED YESTERDAY'S CAIRO Q.H.Q. COMMUNIQUE.

In Abyssinia, the British troops are continuing their advance west of the River Omo and further prisoners have been captured.—Reuter.

STOP PRESS

FIGHTING BETWEEN PICKETS AND WORKERS BROKE OUT LATE YESTERDAY AT THE NORTH AMERICAN AVIATION CORPORATION FACTORY IN LOS ANGELES. TROOPS BROKE UP THE FIGHTING AND ARRESTED 18 STRIKERS.—REUTER.

THE JAPANESE FOREIGN OFFICE'S ATTITUDE REGARDING THE NETHERLANDS EAST INDIES' REPLY TO THE JAPANESE TRADE FORMULA IS UNDERSTOOD TO HAVE STIFFENED CONSIDERABLY AFTER A CAREFUL STUDY OF THE CONTENTS OF THE DUTCH ANSWER WHEN HIGH FOREIGN OFFICE OFFICIALS MET YESTERDAY, SAYS AN OFFICIAL JAPANESE REPORT QUOTED BY REUTER FROM TOKYO.

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Vichy Admits Snags

The Vichy News Agency states that the Allied Forces are advancing into Syria from three directions. Two columns are converging on Damascus through Dera and Safed, and the third is following the coast road to Beirut.

It is admitted that the coast advance has reached the River Litani, north of Tyre.

After referring to French resistance "against the British and de Gaulle Forces" the Agency adds:

"The British forces are, however, markedly superior, especially in armoured equipment. The difficulties of defending the territories of the Levant for an army which has only weak forces at its disposal are pointed out in Vichy."

The Agency continues: "Supplying this army not only with arms and munitions but with food and fuel is practically impossible."—Reuter.

FRENCH TROOPS GO OVER TO GEN. DE GAULLE

A considerable number of French officers and men have already come over to the side of the advancing Free French and Imperial troops and a number of others have ceased to fight.

The military spokesman in Jerusalem revealed yesterday that since Sunday the advance has proceeded to an average depth of 35 to 40 miles.

Only scattered centres of resistance were encountered and the number of British casualties is negligible.—Reuter.

SURVIVORS PICKED UP IN LIFEBOAT

THE TORPEDOING OF AN AMERICAN STEAMER, THE "ROBIN MOOR," BY A GERMAN SUBMARINE IN THE SOUTH ATLANTIC, IS REVEALED IN A REPORT RECEIVED BY THE UNITED STATES NAVY DEPARTMENT LAST NIGHT, PENDING CONFIRMATION OF WHICH THE DEPARTMENT DECLINES TO PUBLISH THE EXACT TEXT OF MESSAGES WHICH WERE INTERCEPTED BY COMMERCIAL COMMUNICATIONS CHANNELS.

News of the torpedoing, first of an American vessel during the present war, originated in a radio message sent by the Brazilian steamer Osorio, which was then relayed by the steamer's flags and again relayed by the s.s. Deer Lodge.

The messages reported that the Osorio had found a lifeboat with survivors clinging to it.

The State Department and the Maritime Commission in Washington say they have no information but the latter, in a statement, declared it was understood that the Robin Moor was owned by the Seas Shipping Company, Incorporated in New York.

The vessel was carrying general cargo, including motor-cars, steel and other materials, but no war munitions.—Reuter.

Though the Robin Moor is not listed in Lloyd's Register, other Robin vessels, owned by the same company, are all of about 8,500 tons register.

THAILAND WILL STAY NEUTRAL

EVEN IF JAPAN ENTERED THE WAR THAILAND, AS A NEUTRAL, WOULD CONTINUE TO CARRY ON TRADE WITH ALL COUNTRIES, STATED PREMIER SONGGRAM AT A SPECIAL SESSION OF THE ASSEMBLY CONVENED TO RATIFY THE THAI-INDO-CHINA PEACE TREATY.

The Premier emphasised Thailand's pledge to Tokyo that she would not enter into any treaty detrimental to Japan and no new commitment beyond the already existing non-aggression pact with Indo-China.

The conflict with Indo-China, the Premier revealed, cost Thailand 10 million francs plus 40 millions in compensation for public utilities in the ceded areas.—Reuter.

AERIAL BATTLES NR. DOVER

AN OFFICIAL COMMUNIQUE STATES: "DURING DAYLIGHT YESTERDAY THERE WAS SOME ACTIVITY OVER THE STRAITS OF DOVER AND NEAR THE COAST OF KENT AND ALSO OVER COASTAL DISTRICTS IN SOUTH AND SOUTH-WEST ENGLAND."

Up to 8 p.m. there were no reports of bombs dropped.

In engagements with out fighters protecting shipping in the Straits several enemy fighters were seen to be hit and damaged but owing to poor visibility destruction cannot be confirmed. One of our fighters was lost.—British Wireless.

JAPANESE ATTITUDE STIFFENS

THE JAPANESE FOREIGN OFFICE'S ATTITUDE REGARDING THE NETHERLANDS EAST INDIES' REPLY TO THE JAPANESE TRADE FORMULA IS UNDERSTOOD TO HAVE STIFFENED CONSIDERABLY AFTER A CAREFUL STUDY OF THE CONTENTS OF THE DUTCH ANSWER WHEN HIGH FOREIGN OFFICE OFFICIALS MET YESTERDAY, SAYS AN OFFICIAL JAPANESE REPORT QUOTED BY REUTER FROM TOKYO.

HITLER NOT IN A PEACEFUL MOOD

MR. JOHN CUDAHY, former U.S. Ambassador to Belgium, whose newspaper articles on the last days of King Leopold were read all over the world, has just returned to America from Germany, where he had a 30-minute interview with Hitler.

Mr. Cudahy, who saw Hitler as a journalist, reports that Hitler's attitude was most unfriendly: "He gave me the idea he didn't like me at all because I was American."

Germans and Hitler, said Mr. Cudahy, believe America will come into the war soon.

"If the war is not brought to a military conclusion by October,

FRENCH TANKER SAID SUNK

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

An unconfirmed report received in New York yesterday stated that British warships off the coast of France had sunk a French tanker.

Hitler, said Mr. Cudahy, did not give an impression that he wanted peace or would negotiate for peace, and also that he sincerely regarded the suggestion of an invasion of America as fantastic.

The "New York Post" quotes Mr. Cudahy as saying the Germans have "a great dread of losing the war because of the spectre of Versailles, hence they are determined and united."—Reuter.

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AN ADMIRALTY COMMUNIQUE ISSUED IN LONDON LAST NIGHT ANNOUNCED THE LOSS OF THE ANTI-AIRCRAFT CRUISER CALCUTTA AND THE DESTROYERS HERWARD AND IMPERIAL DURING THE EVACUATION FROM CRETE. HERWARD WAS LAST SEEN HEADING TOWARDS THE COAST AFTER HAVING BEEN DAMAGED BY ENEMY AIR ATTACK.

The Italian High Command has announced that 229 survivors from this ship have been landed and are prisoners of war.

Imperial had to be sunk by British forces after being damaged by enemy air attack.

The Commander-in-Chief, Mediterranean, has reported that when the evacuation of the forces from Crete was completed, just over 17,000 men had been taken off the island.

Withdrawal of the troops from Crete had to be carried out from places with inadequate port facilities and which were within easy reach of enemy forces.

The necessity for carrying out embarkations by night meant that each load of men had to be taken 360 miles to Egypt during the whole 14 hours of daylight.

These voyages were carried out in the face of extremely heavy enemy air attack.

Royal Marine Rearguard

In the circumstances prevailing it was impossible to assess with accuracy the damage inflicted on enemy aircraft by A.A. fire but it is known many were destroyed and others damaged.

Navy aircraft also shot down four enemy aircraft, probably destroyed one other and damaged three.

During the withdrawal from Suda Bay, Royal Marines formed the rearguard.

These men, who had been carrying out various duties as well as manning A.A. defences, were hastily formed into an infantry brigade under Major-General E. C. Weston, R.M.

Left Behind

THEY FOUGHT WITH GREAT GALLANTRY AND PROVED THEMSELVES WORTHY OF THE HIGHEST TRADITIONS OF THE CORPS. IT IS KNOWN THAT A NUMBER OF THIS BRIGADE HAD TO BE LEFT IN CRETE.

The following message from General Wavell was sent to Major-

General Weston on the night of April 31:—

"You know the heroic effort the Navy has made to rescue you and they will be able to get away most of those who remain but this is the last night the Navy can come.

"Please tell those that have to be left that the fight put up against such odds has won the admiration of us all, and every effort to bring them back is being made.

"General Freyburg has told me how magnificently your Marines have fought and of your own grand work. I have heard also of the heroic fight of young Greek soldiers. I send you all my grateful thanks."—Reuter.

SILENCE IS GOLDEN

In reply to a question in the House of Commons Captain Balfour indicated that the same reasons which prevented publication of enemy submarine losses also applied to losses inflicted on the German Focke-Wulf long range aircraft which raid British shipping.

It will be recalled that in July last year the First Lord of the Admiralty explained that whilst the enemy obviously knows the total of his submarine losses, our silence about our successes prevents his discovering how they were obtained. Such knowledge would be of great value to the Germans as it would help them to gauge the relative efficiency of Britain's counter measures, and the appropriate dispositions of British patrols.

Captain Balfour added that it was intended to release from time to time, such information as the circumstances allow.

Dealing with the night attacks on Britain, the Under Secretary of State for Air said that it would not be in the public interest to publish the approximate number of enemy aircraft known to be taking part in raids.



A MODEL "HOME GUARD". — Mr. A. Berry, a member of the Home Guard, does a bit of spotting from the miniature castle he has constructed at the model village at Beconsfield, Beconsfield. The public are admitted to this model village and the proceedings are given to charity. (Copyright, Fox).

NO VICHY DECLARATION OF WAR

Satisfaction is expressed in official circles in London at the nature of the Vichy Government's protest which was handed to Sir Samuel Hoare in Madrid, complaining of the violation of Syria by the British forces.

The text of the protest has not yet reached London but it is interesting to note that it is not a declaration of war. — Reuter.

14 OUNCES TO THE LB.

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL") Fruit shops in Shanghai are now selling per piece on account of police charges that they are selling false weight. Their contention is that 14 ounces equal one lb., with which the police disagree, the result being appearances in court and fines from \$5 to \$20.—International News Service.

NAZIS MADE HIM FIGHT FOR US

A young six-foot-two Hungarian has just joined the Royal Air Force and is now training as a flight mechanic at a station in the north-west of England.

As a student in his own country, he was a good fencer. The Austrian Nazis resenting his skill, forced many duels upon him. But in the true Nazi fashion they made the young Hungarian fight with the heavy German sword with which he was at a great disadvantage. The true Magyar fencing sword is a light foil, and fencing with this "weapon" is a matter of skill and not the bloody brutality favoured by the German youth. His body bears many marks of the savage fights he was compelled to engage in. Nevertheless at least seven of his self-elected adversaries received their wounds too.

Early in 1939, foreseeing the Nazi plan to overrun Hungary, he made his way to England. Now in return for the hospitality which he has enjoyed here, and in the hope of being able to fight the Nazis on more equal terms, he is in the Air Force. His dearest wish was to become an air gunner. But his build makes this difficult so instead he hopes that he will be able to become a fighter pilot. Then, seated behind the battery of guns in a Spitfire or Hurricane or one of the yet deadlier fighters of the R.A.F., he will even the score with the persecutors of his people.

Since he has been in England he has learned to speak excellent English and he has a high regard for his British colleagues of the R.A.F. "They are a great crowd," he said. Two of his comrades at the training school, who in civil life were Welsh coal miners, insisted on sewing onto his shoulder the initials "V.R." "You are a real volunteer," they said. And to-day he proudly wears the emblem of the Volunteer Reserve of the Royal Air Force.

ITALIAN FIGHTERS ROUTED

Five G.50's, the Italians' new fighter, were routed by two British eight-gun fighters in a dog fight over the Libyan coast.

One British fighter was climbing after shooting down an S.79, when the five G.50's were spotted near at hand by another British pilot, who at once made a vertical attack on the leader of the Italians.

In the fight that followed one of the Italians spiralled down, and a second was shot down after a long engagement, the pilot 'bailing out.' A third Italian aircraft was damaged, probably seriously.

On the same day, two other aircraft of the same British Squadron caused two more S.79's to crash.

Twenty-five Italian aerodromes and landing grounds have passed into British possession since the offensive began in the Western Desert.

AFTER 20 YEARS

"What an extraordinary coincidence!" exclaimed a D.F.C. veteran of the last war, looking round the officers' mess of a Coastal Command Station in Scotland.

With the rank of Pilot Officer, he had just re-joined the R.A.F. from the Reserve. At the end of one week he finished being an Edinburgh schoolmaster. At the beginning of the next, he started work on the Station as an Intelligence Officer.

He found himself in familiar surroundings.

His old Squadron was at the Station. He was an Intelligence Officer and an observer with this Squadron when it was operating in the Adriatic in the last war. The Squadron was then doing anti-submarine and general reconnaissance work in British aircraft with American engines.

Now the members of the Squadron are doing the same work over the North Sea in American-built Lockheed Hudsons.

At one time in the last war the Intelligence Officer served under a Wing Commander named Bowhill. He is again under him, for Air Chief Marshal Sir Frederick Bowhill is the Air Officer Commander-in-Chief, Coastal Command.

CONCERT IN SKY

Jose Iturbi, whose piano virtuosity has been demonstrated in the country's largest concert halls, is entertaining at a musicale—in the sky.

A licensed pilot, Mr. Iturbi has chartered a 38-passenger, four-motored stratosphere and invited 25 guests, including Mayor F. H. La Guardia, for a musicale as the huge plane cruises over New York between 3 and 5 p.m. A small piano will be aboard.

Invited guests include Lily Pons and her husband, André Kostelanetz, Lucrecia Bori, Deems Taylor, Mr. and Mrs. John Barbirolli, Mr. and Mrs. Fritz Kreisler, Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Malchuk, Giovanni Martinelli, Mrs. Lawrence Tibbett, Frank Chapin, Mr. and Mrs. Francisco, Olin Downes, and Miriam Klus.

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ROOSEVELT BREAKS AIR WORKERS' STRIKE

3,000 Troops Take Over Factory

PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT HAS ORDERED THE U.S. ARMY TO TAKE OVER THE NORTH AMERICAN AIRCRAFT FACTORY WHERE A MAJOR STRIKE HAS HELD UP PRODUCTION FOR WEEKS, STATED THE PRESIDENT'S SECRETARY, MR. STEPHEN EARLY, IN WASHINGTON YESTERDAY.

This is the first time Government has taken such definite action to handle a strike instead of relying upon appeals.

From Los Angeles it was reported that tear-gas bombs were used to break picket lines outside the factory yesterday. The pickets retreated but soon returned and reformed their lines.

Meanwhile, however, the police had formed two other lines through which workers could reach the factory gates.

A Company official later declared: "The situation is very tense."

The order to take possession of the plant was telephoned from President Roosevelt's study in the White House to Lieutenant-Colonel Branshaw, commanding troops in the vicinity of the factory.

Factory Occupied

Mr. Early said Colonel Branshaw had expressed the opinion that it was necessary to use arms because the situation was beyond the control of the Los Angeles Police.

Disorders ceased as the troops arrived and occupied the factory quietly and smoothly, after which Colonel Branshaw declared the factory open and offered employees protection.

Two marching columns arrived to augment a convoy of 50 trucks which brought the first detachment of troops to the factory.

Three thousand troops with bayonets fixed and carrying machine-guns took over the factory.

Strikers and pickets gradually yielded but one who refused to move was bayoneted and taken to hospital.

Production Normal Again

President Roosevelt's order to the army stipulated that the possession operation be terminated by the President "as soon as he determines that the plant can be privately operated in a manner consistent with the needs of national defence."

The War Secretary, Mr. Henry Stimson, is authorised to employ workmen and will handle the question of compensation for the company.

Production at the factory is expected to be practically normal to-day.

War Secretary Stimson yesterday published a telegram from Lieutenant-Colonel Branshaw.

It reads as follows: "Strike broken, gates open, employees

BURMA'S DEFENCES IN ORDER

(CONCLUDING A FOUR-DAY INSPECTION OF BURMA, AIR CHIEF MARSHAL SIR ROBERT BROOKE-PORHAM EXPRESSED SATISFACTION AT THE ARMY'S EXPANSION IN ALL DIRECTIONS SINCE HIS LAST VISIT AND OF THE CONTINUOUS SUPPLY OF THE MOST MODERN EQUIPMENT REACHING BURMA.

The Commander-in-Chief conferred with His Excellency the Governor, Defence Counsellors and the Premier.

In the sphere of air defence, Sir Robert, impressed by the construction of new aerodromes, told Reuter that every day must show some progress in the work of perfecting the country's war organisation and defence against aggression. — Reuter.

APPEAL BY WHITE HOUSE TO WORKERS

PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT, in a statement concerning the strike at the North American Aviation Factory, said yesterday in Washington: "The situation is seriously detrimental to the defence of the United States.

"Because of this I, as President and Commander-in-Chief of the armed forces, am determined that the plant shall be reopened. It must be reopened at once."

The statement traces the course of the dispute and says: "Mediation has been interrupted by a violation of the agreement entered into by the workers' bargaining representatives that production should continue during the course of mediation.

"The waste of production which thus resulted created a situation seriously detrimental to the defence of the United States.

"Because of this, I as President and Commander-in-Chief of the armed forces, am determined that the plant shall be reopened. It must be reopened at once."

Country in Danger

After explaining that he had directed the Army to take charge until normal production is resumed, President Roosevelt continued: "Our country is in danger. Men and women now making aeroplanes play an indispensable part in its defence. I call upon the workers to return to their jobs."

Concluding, President Roosevelt promised workers protection "in their fundamental rights as citizens and said that negotiations will be conducted to reach a fair settlement, which will be retrospective. — Reuter.

streaming in in satisfactory conditions." — Reuter.

2,000 Back At Work

President Roosevelt is "delighted" with Colonel Branshaw's news of the situation, said Mr. Stephen Early.

Col. Branshaw reported that 2,000 members of the day shift, or nearly half the shift, have resumed work, and he expected production to be practically normal by to-day. — Reuter.

Fighting Breaks Out

FIGHTING BETWEEN PICKETS AND WORKERS BROKE OUT LATE YESTERDAY AT THE NORTH AMERICAN AVIATION CORPORATION FACTORY IN LOS ANGELES. TROOPS BROKE UP THE FIGHTING AND ARRESTED 16 STRIKERS. — REUTER.

A LIFT IN THE DESERT

The Royal Air Force tender speeds along the straight new road over the Desert. On all sides, as far as the horizon stretches a wilderness of sand and hummocks of limestone, relieved here and there by patches of camel thorn. In one direction, refreshing to the eye, sparkles a phantom lake that only a mirage could create in that arid waste.

A speck appears on the road, and as the car nears, resolves itself into a Bedouin. No popular novelist's hero this, with hawk-like countenance and flashing eyes, such as fascinated the maiden readers of "The Sheikh's Bride." Still, a genuine child of the desert. Perhaps he has never seen a motor car before, thinks the driver, as he slows down.

The Arab grins eagerly forward. He extends the right arm, forearm upright, and, with closed fist and pointing thumb oscillating gently in the direction in which the car is travelling.

The hitch-hiker's signal has come to the desert.

RECORD OF A ROYAL GAME

When the King and Queen recently visited an R.A.F. fighter station in the East of England Her Majesty was intrigued by the game of "shove halfpenny," a popular pastime in every officer's mess. She asked to be initiated into the game, and a young Flying Officer, incidentally one of the station's "aces" at the sport, became her opponent.

Now this particular station number among its most prized possessions a miniature "shove halfpenny" board, made by an airman on which an inscription recording the fact of Her Majesty's game is surrounded by the five halfpennies she used in playing it. The miniature board has been presented to the Station with Commander and to-day is proudly displayed to every visitor.

VICHY TO APPEAL FOR NAZI HELP?

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

The Zurich press yesterday predicted a virtual alliance between Germany and France as result of the British push into Syria.

"France is now expected to join Germany in the closest relations, militarily and diplomatically, regardless of Britain and the United States," says one paper, speculating whether Vichy will appeal to the Nazis to send direct military aid to the French forces in Syria.—International News Service.

STRIKERS' DEMANDS REFUSED

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

While the strike of P.W.D. coolies in Shanghai continues, negotiations are under way between officials and the coolies who are demanding reinstatement of the dismissed foreman, which so far has been refused.—International News Service.

ANOTHER DEFENCE WALK-OUT

A strike was called yesterday by the Die-Casters' Union at the vast Aluminium Company of America in Cleveland, which produces parts for warplanes.

The works employs 7,000 hands who are members of the Union, and the factory spokesman said not one of the afternoon shift entered the factory.

The Union seeks higher wages. Its demands were referred to the National Defence Mediation Board in Washington last week but the Union spokesman said the negotiations were "getting nowhere."

Pickets were out yesterday afternoon.—Reuter.

PRIVATE AUDITION

The Canadian leader of an R.A.F. Spitfire Squadron recently made a broadcast to Canada. It was repeated four times in various programmes, but his mother in Winnipeg always seemed to miss hearing his talk about his adventures in the Royal Air Force.

A friend of the family told an official of the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation of the mother's disappointment. The next day an official drove round to her home with a record of her son's talk. Then the record was played several times while she listened.

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When Westminster Hospital held a gas test the decontamination squads were tested for their efficiency. Here are squad members busy spraying "gas casualties" during the mock gas raid. (Copyright, Fox).

POPULACE LEAVING ALEXANDRIA

Women and even small babies are riding on the roof-tops of trains, so great is the pressure of the Arab population to leave Alexandria as a result of the air raids.

Special arrangements have had to be taken at the railway station to cope with the exodus which is providing an amazing sight.

All entrances to the main station are now closed and guarded by soldiers, only being opened at specified times. Trains leave continuously, piled high, and age given a rousing send-off by crowds awaiting the next train.

Some 40,000 left by train on Sunday and a high railway official expressed the opinion that there would be at least two or three times that number leaving Alexandria in the next two days. The city itself remains calm and orderly.—Reuter.

BRITISH MOVE FIRST—FOR A CHANGE

The British invasion of Syria was the first time Britain has taken the initiative in the war against Germany, declared the "Sao Tang Pao," Chinese army organ in Chungking, yesterday, adding that it was therefore assumed that Britain must have been fully prepared for any possible developments.

The paper stated: "The Suez Canal is the British sea route which was the cause of the recent fighting in Iraq and now Syria."

"The fighting in Syria lifts the curtain of a major battle in the Middle East and Near East."

"Germany's role in the fighting will be determined by the degree of Franco-German collaboration and also Vichy's policy regarding the French Colonies." —Reuter.

GRAND COULEE DAM AT WORK

Grand Coulee, the biggest dam in the world, which cost £40,000,000 to build and forms a barrier three-quarters of a mile long and 550ft high on the Columbia River, 100 miles north-west of Spokane, went into action recently when it started to generate electricity which will eventually provide the entire Pacific North-West with power.

Completed in less than eight years, the huge structure, the base of which covers 35 acres, is three times larger than the largest Egyptian pyramid.

THE NAVY KEEPING WATCH

The British Navy is keeping a close watch to ensure that the Germans do not tow any small craft from the Dodecanese Islands to Syria.

The Germans in Ankara expect the British Navy to land forces on the Syrian coast but so far as is known naval activities have been confined to patrol work.

Sellers of afternoon papers were besieged by eager buyers, for developments in Syria have aroused tremendous interest in Turkey.

The Allied move is widely welcomed and it is hoped that the Allies will be able to settle the matter quickly.

It is generally considered that the Allies will do their utmost to avoid bloodshed, and well-informed people think that the British will meet with little opposition for the French troops in Syria are divided among themselves and their morale is low.—Reuter.

SYRIA ENCOURAGES STOCK MARKET

The London Stock Exchange yesterday was mainly firm, sentiment being encouraged by the Syrian development. Gilt-edged securities, especially Indians, rose generally on fair demand. Industrials were steady apart from a slight easing of stores and tobacco. Oils were quiet, except Burma and Anglo-Iranian, which were slightly higher. Kaffirs were firm, especially non-producers, which met with persistent demand. Westholds were quoted at 73s. 9d against 76s. 6d. Japanese Bonds advanced up to a point. Wall Street was firm.—Reuter.

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'FRISCO LESSONS HELPING LONDON

Lessons learned by San Francisco in rebuilding after the earthquake and fire of 1906 have been passed to British officials studying the problems of bomb-wracked London.

Mayor Angelo J. Rossi told the American State Department how the city was restored from ruin

and chaos in response to a request from W. G. Jackson of the London County Council.

The effort of rebuilding a city as nearly fireproof as was then possible was stressed in Mayor Rossi's report. He told how experts went through the debris, giving free advice to those who had started to rebuild while the City still was smoking.

Foremost in fire protection, Mayor Rossi reported, is a \$5,718,000 high-pressure auxiliary water supply system to protect the eight square miles comprising the most congested part of the present City.

This system includes two reservoirs of 1,250,000 gallons total capacity on eminences of the City, which ordinarily are filled from a still higher reservoir but which, in emergency, can be supplied with salt water from the Pacific.

Breakage of mains by the earthquake was one cause of the rapid spread of the fire that followed. The present system is designed, Mayor Rossi reported, so there will be a minimum chance of breakage in the mains.

Under each of 135 downtown street intersections is a 75,000-gallon cistern filled with water. Even though the mains might break or the system otherwise fail, the congested district still would have water to fight flames.

WHEN AN AIRMAN IS "CHEESED"

As the R.A.F. expands so does its vocabulary. Here are some more phrases for the collector of unusual idioms.

If you are so 'unfortunate as to be crossed in love or to receive a severe reprimand from a senior officer, then the proper way to describe your state is to say that "you have been shot down in flames."

When the experts who forecast the weather report "Future outlook unsettled" the pilots prefer to call the outlook simply "Ropey."

If you have some inside information then you call it the "Real Gen." If the news is still more exclusive than it is the "Pukka Gen."

The origin of the word "Gen" is doubtful. It may be short for "genius," it may come from "genuine" or alternatively, from "general information."

People who obstruct you are called "a bind" and from this comes the verb "to bind."

There are three degrees of dejection. The first is the stage of being "browned off," the second of being "brassed off," and the third, which means that there is no hope for you, of being "completely cheesed."

A beginner in any job is called "an Erk," a contraction of "aircraftman."

THEY MUST FIRE-WATCH

Fire-watching is to be made compulsory in many parts of Kent and Sussex because there are not sufficient volunteers to do the job properly.

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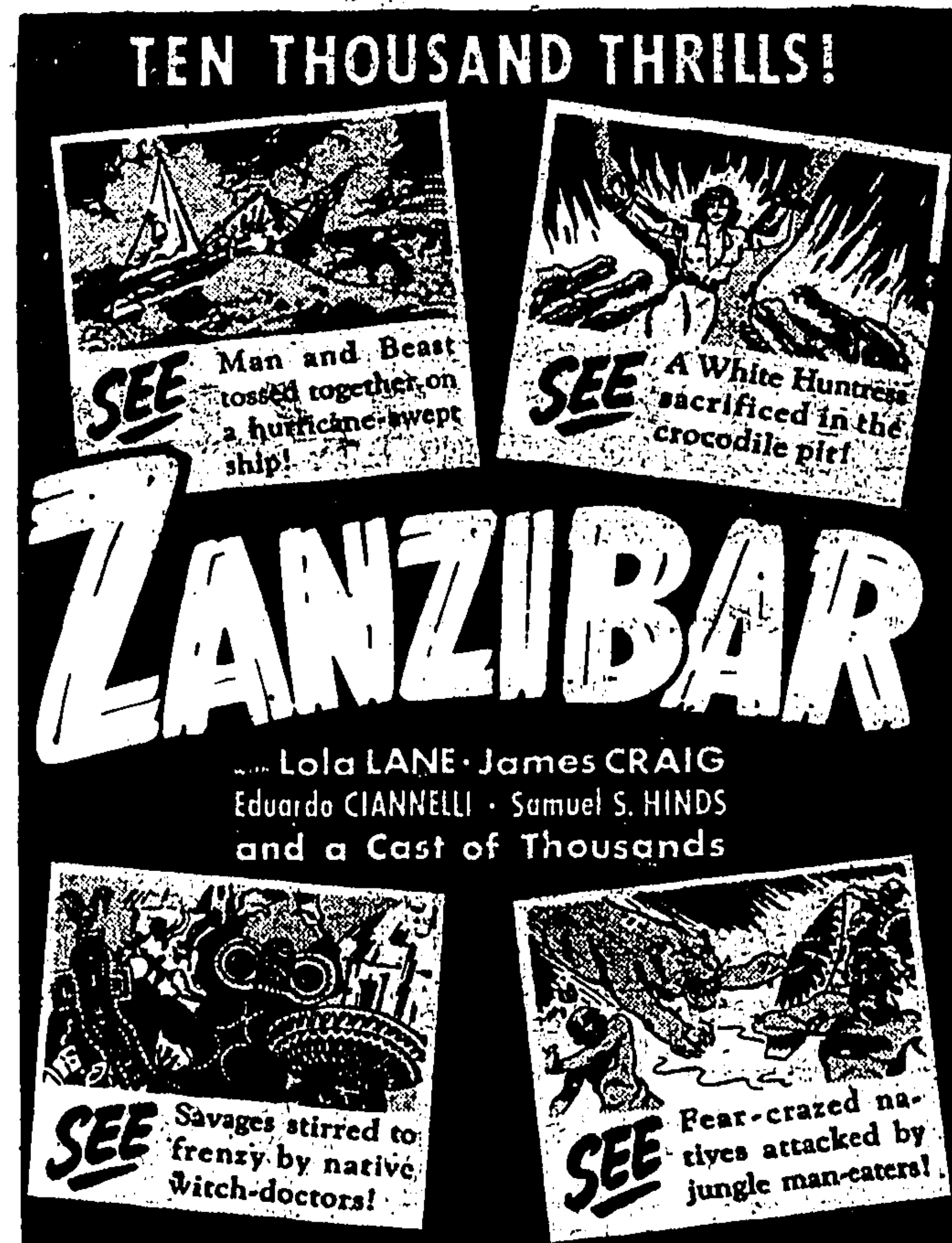
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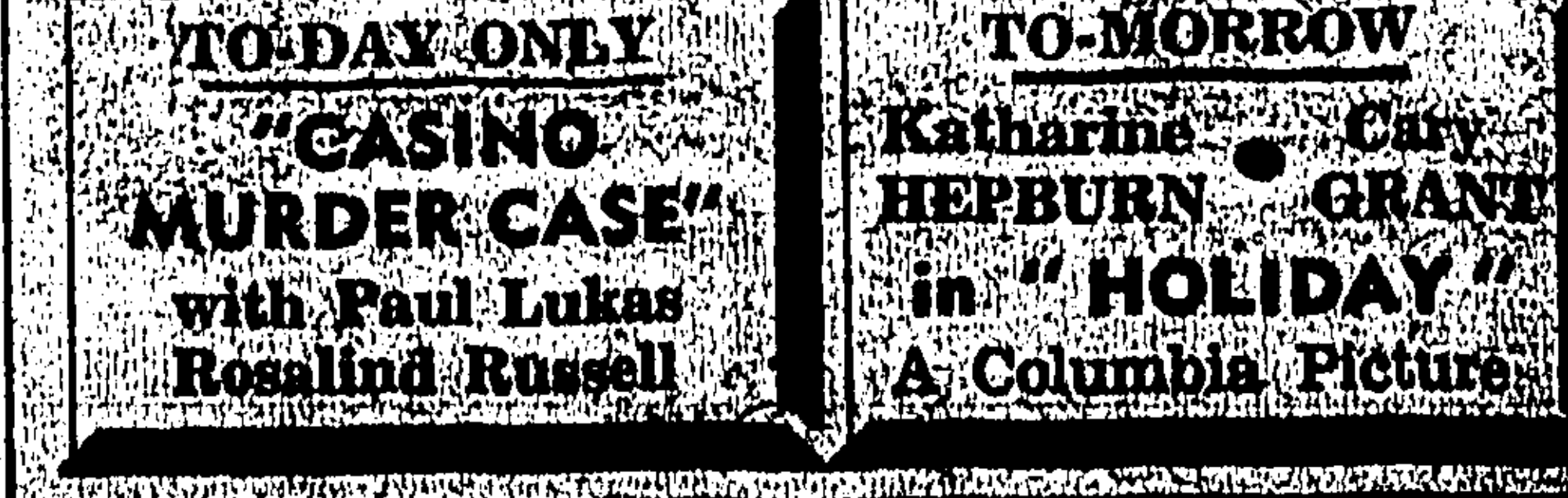
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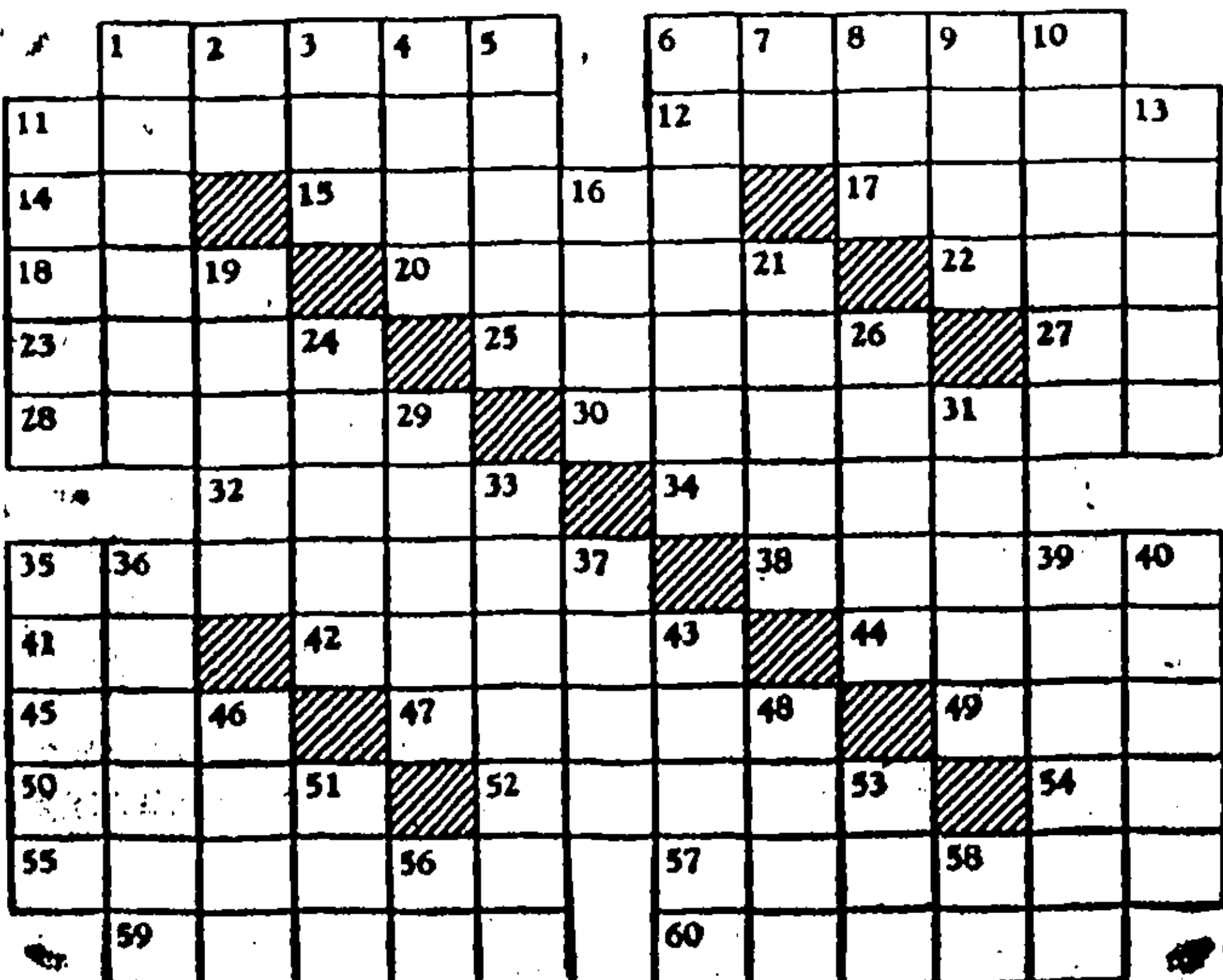
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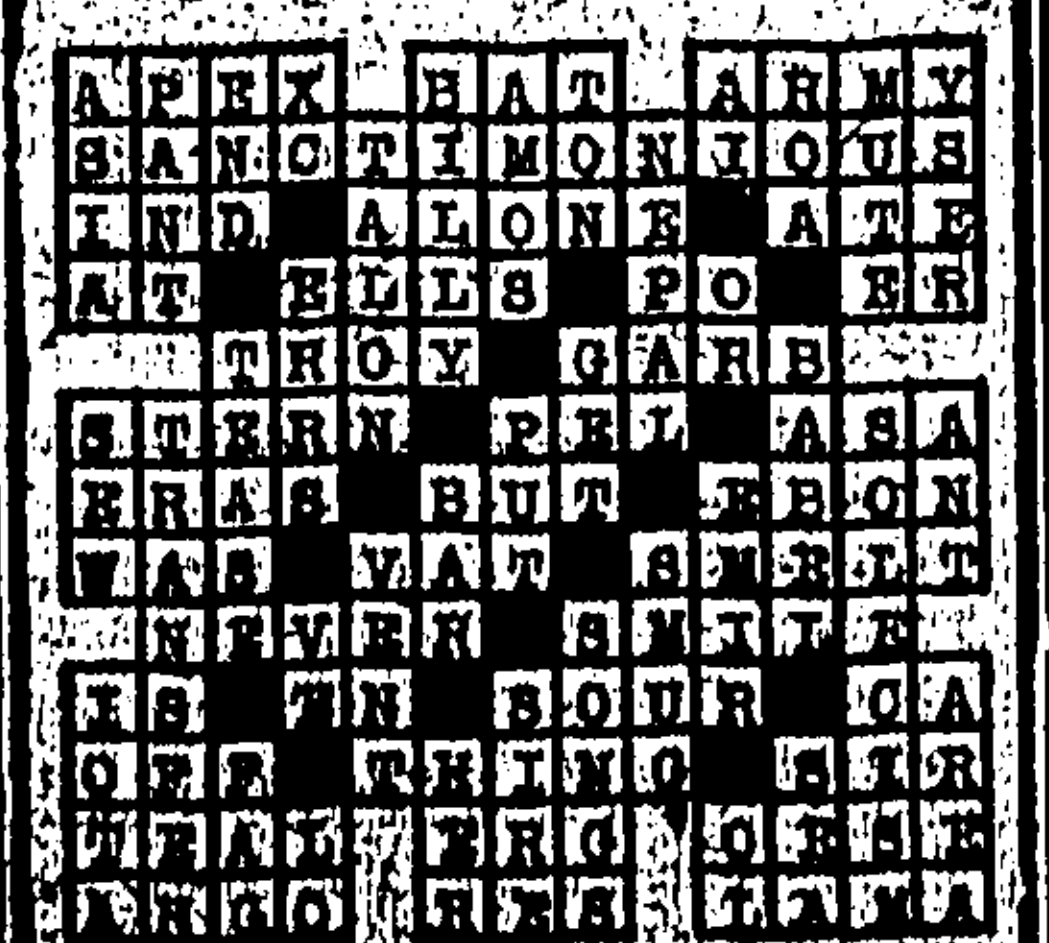
HORIZONTAL

1. Plunders
6. Strip of leather
11. To excuse
12. A cause of bad luck (coll.)
14. By
15. To ascend
17. Weblike membrane
18. Bashful
20. To relieve
21. Title of respect
23. Ancient clan
25. Surgical thread
27. Symbol for gallium
28. Mistake
30. Made a new version of
32. God of love
34. Torn
36. Faces
38. Burns
41. Upon
42. At no time
44. Narrow opening
46. Legendary king of Britain
48. Mixture
50. Goddess of discord
52. Disagreeable
54. Roman gods
55. Occupant
57. Poetic: sailed
59. East-Indian soldier
60. Slow-moving person

VERTICAL

1. Soap foam
2. Conjunction
3. Room in a harem
4. Craggy hills
5. Cuts
6. Protection
7. Toward
8. To decay
9. Fruit drinks
10. Mannerly
11. Antiquated
13. Rowed
16. Prophet
19. City in Belgium
21. Adores
24. Gateway of a Buddhist temple
26. Baseball teams
29. Man's name
31. Hackneyed
33. LXX
35. Veil of gauze
38. Hardens
39. British
40. Eerie poem
43. Sedate
45. Changes
46. To sup
48. Solar disc
51. To weaken
53. Archaisms
56. Negative
58. Chinese measure

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Reflections From A Newsmen's Jottings

(By Kenneth Downs, I.N.S. Correspondent)

THE DEMARCATION LINE between occupied and unoccupied France is now as tightly guarded as a frontier between hostile countries. Troops of cavalry, bicycle patrols, snipers with telescope sights, dogs, barbed wire entanglement and land mines are slowing down the "underground railway."

Many have been killed trying to get through lately; still more have been arrested. Not even foreign diplomats are allowed to go back and forth now, except in very special cases. Legations in Paris can only send couriers out about once a month.

Why, because, it appears, a sustained campaign is now under way to inflame the two regions against each other. The Paris Press, and radio, completely German-controlled, daily denounce the men of Vichy and the people of the unoccupied region, who are pictured as living in sinful luxury while occupied France suffers.

III-Feeling Begins To Show

The continual intimation is that if Vichy were ready to "collaborate" all the way, all France would be better off. Despite the steady hammering of this propaganda, results have not been marked yet, although some ill-feeling now begins to show.

There is something indescribably sickening about this deliberate, heavyfooted effort to instill hate. But you find it on all sides in Paris. It strikes you more than the general deadness of the city, or the incongruity of hearing German and seeing Germans everywhere. I find it throughout the notes I jotted down while there. First metro ride... twelve Germans in car, all standing. Germaine says they always stand as long as any woman is not seated. Says this impresses Paris women, even against their will. It's the little things that count... must admit most of them look good. Fit. Tough. Many look like Americans. Unusually handsome major with decorations... private who looks like Bruno Richard Hauptmann... Paul had same idea, grinned, "Eighty Million Hauptmanns."

Awful Station Posters

The awful posters at every station. Some picture horrible caricatures of Jews. Freemasons, clutching bags of loot with glaring captions: "Enough! Enough!" others with same hate motives advertising "The Fire," presumably new French Fascist organisation to burn up Jews, traitors and grafters, inviting contributions... other green posters advertising jobs for French metallurgists in Germany.

"Do you want to remain unemployed and starve or... come to Germany where you will be treated as one of a family... same pay as German workman... vacations in France... you can send home 1,600 to 2,400 francs per month." Confirmed story of Paris policeman... was roughly shoved for not walking between rails at intersection. In quick reflex turned and struck Nazi soldier. Next morning posters announced his execution. Minor demonstrations. It's quick death for anyone striking a soldier.

Press Violently Anti-British

Press hammering away at Hachette's again to-day... astonishing hate campaign... safe bet company won't last long under that sort of bludgeoning, probably should have sold out to Germans in first place... news of Indo-China surrender played up as triumph of peace policy, blow against England. Instead of beginning of disintegration French Empire... Henri Haye gets big play with his indignant blast from Washington, "It's crime France should have to beg her bread."

Paris press almost uniform hammers daily against England... people here have no idea what's going on at home... at Louis Bar caused

sensations when told them little first hand news from America... They call the Germans "potato bugs" and "Fritz" but not too loud. Twenty-franc fine if overheard... Francoise says the young Bucks were tres correct at first, but getting a little more forward now... "they don't hesitate to accost you now... 'ahn moment, Fraulein, take you by arm'"... much social disease in hospitals.

These Nazi girls won't win any beauty prizes... Parisiennes laugh at them in their gray uniforms, unmadeup faces, sidewalk cafe crowded as usual... ranks parading by somewhat diminished, but few old familiar faces... could have fired rifle down Champs-Elysee this noon without hitting a car... Absence traffic makes city seem even more grave-like... Big-domed new, charcoal-gas autobuses... Can't get in Crillon, Ritz, other big hotels... horse carriages, but very expensive... everybody travels by metro or bike.

Food excellent at Francis... You can get what you want if you can pay for it... That company of troops drilling in vacant lot at Passy... They look good... Pierre says they work like this all the time all over town... no loafing, keep fit.

Bereaved Mother

Sad visit Mrs. T... one son killed in action, other in German prison camp... all alone, heatless flat.

Same red-headed singer in that Champs-Elysees Boite... only she's singing coyly, cutely, songs in German where a year ago she was singing coyly, cutely, songs in English... Usual collection in place... Few German soldiers, well-behaved, sitting with French girls... Crowd civilians noisy, annoying... left early for fear incident and need show papers.

Everybody scuttles in order avoid being caught on streets after midnight curfew. When see have stayed too late, only thing to do is remain until daylight in nightclub, the bill comes high that way.

Patronize Maxim's if you want special consideration. You get butter, and everything else there without tickets. If you are a regular customer, you can get a special pass to circulate the streets after hours for "urgent professional reasons." Mostly Germans there and a few wealthy exophants. Paris in the spring in 1941, is a place you are not reluctant to leave.

CZECHS LONG TO HEAR WHISTLE OF BOMBS

"Increasing sabotage in factories and among traffic in occupied territories is giving the Nazis a considerable headache," declares Herr Otto Zausmer, a former leading Austrian newspaper editor, in an article in the U.S. newspaper "Boston Globe."

"The Czech people," he says, "are longing for the sweetest sounds they could hear — the strictly forbidden foreign broadcasts, the howling of air raid sirens, the whistling of bombs and the thunder of explosions in the armament factories."

"Even though their lives and properties were destroyed they would welcome the day," — Reuters.

BIBLE EXPERT TO DIE

Ludwig Curnack, chairman of the International Bible Society in Germany, has been sentenced to death by a Dresden tribunal.

At the same time the tribunal imposed hard labour sentences on other members of the society, cables a "Sunday Express" correspondent on the German frontier.

Curnack and his colleagues had been explaining the Bible in a pacifist sense.

Justifying the sentences the tribunal said that their activities endangered the social and national welfare of the German people and hampered the war effort.

PARALYSED, HE SAVED HIS MEN

An R.A.F. pilot, his legs paralysed by bullets in his back, crawled along the fuselage of his spinning 'plane to warn observer and air gunner to jump for their lives.

That heroic deed was revealed by the observer, freed from an Italian prison camp when our troops entered Adi Ugri, Abyssinia.

"We were raiding Burye," he said. "An Italian fighter got behind us and put in a burst which cut our inter-communication and sent our 'plane into a spin."

"Soon afterwards the head of our pilot appeared in the rear gunner's cockpit. 'Jump,' he shouted, and disappeared. We jumped and landed unhurt."

"I found out that the Italian's bullets had hit our pilot in the back."

"His first thought was for our safety. Helpless below the waist, he managed to pull himself out of the cockpit of a violently spinning machine and climb along the fuselage to the tail to give us warning."

"He managed to pull his own ripcord and was picked up by the Italians and taken to a hospital at Addis Ababa."

CONSCRIPT DANCE IS U.S. CRAZE

Thousands of American jitterbugs have gone raving mad over a new dance called "Doing the Draft-away," which celebrates the conscription law.

When the dance starts the boy is "conscripted." This calls for the couple to take four long strides across the floor. He learns to march. Facing each other they mark time. He awakes to the sound of a bugle. Back to back still marking time, they pantomime a bugle. The climax comes with the boy on leave and the couple going crazy on the dance floor of the city.

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POLITICAL SHIBBOLETHS

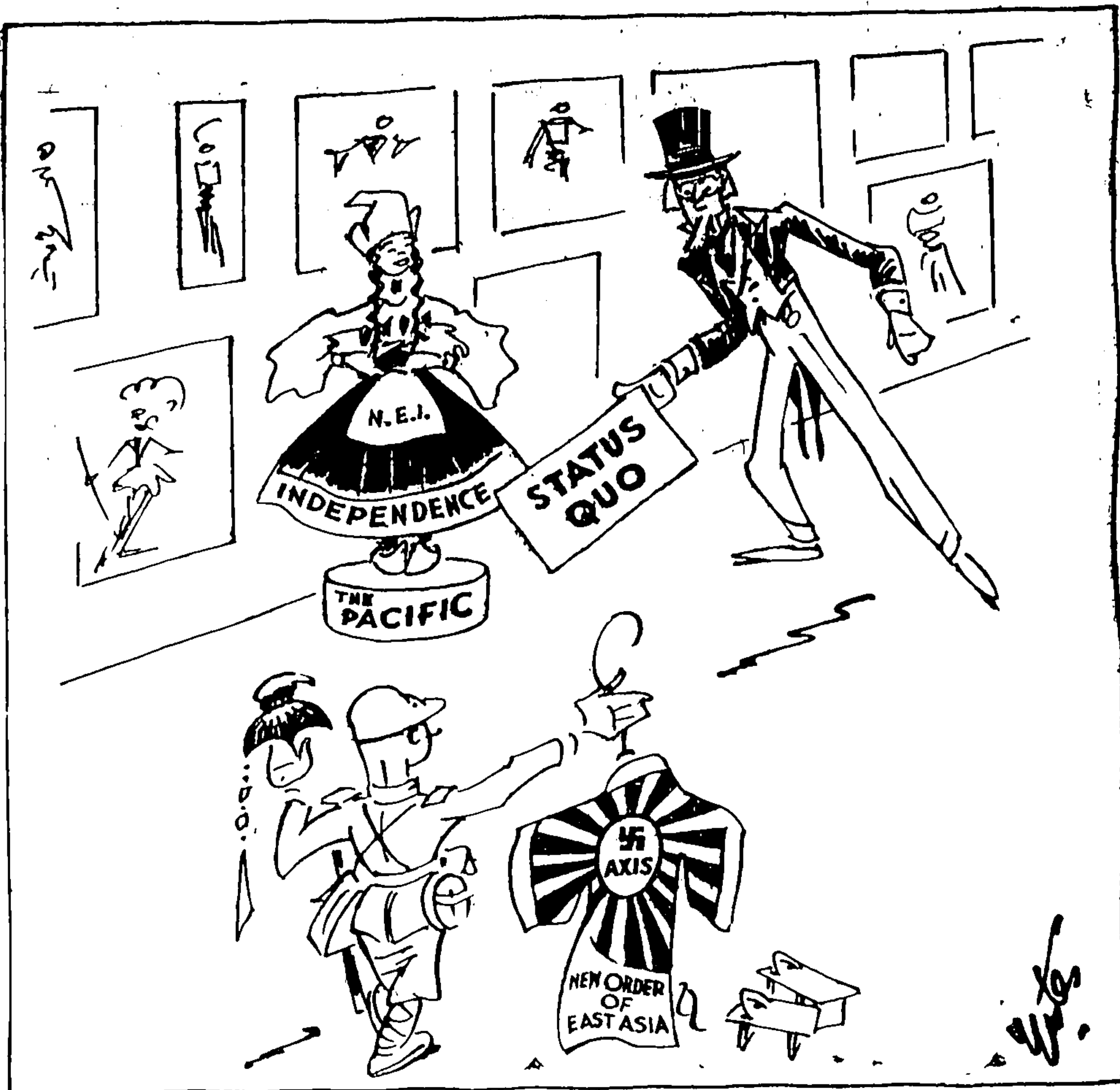
The war has already lasted long enough to produce in Great Britain some profound changes of thought about politics. Much that seemed all-important before the war has dwindled into comparative insignificance. Values are altered; conventional party catchwords drop into disuse; glib generalisations yield to the necessity of action. Words which once set parties to quarrelling have ceased to charm or to antagonise.

One such word is "socialism." The war has robbed the word of both its fascination and its terrors. A war Government has rushed through a "social revolution" at a quicker pace than had been dreamed of by the Socialist Sir Stafford Cripps in his most revolutionary moments. In every sphere of social life Conservative ministers, not less eagerly than Socialist, by a wave of the departmental wand, have taken drastic measures that once would have been condemned as "socialist."

This is no argument for or against the socialist method. This wartime experience simply shows that socialism is not an end-all or be-all in itself, but is simply a method of getting things done. It has shown that it is the things done that matter, the method being Socialist or otherwise according to the time and the circumstances—often the only method in wartime, whereas it may be one of two alternative methods in peacetime.

Undoubtedly when the war is over the strong hand of the State will relax its pressure, and private enterprise will resume its activity. But the perspective will have altered. British Socialists can never again believe that mere Socialism will bring the millennium; Conservatives, on the other hand, now converted to the idea of national planning, will never have the old dread of State control in all circumstances.

Both sides have discovered that privilege must be modified, whether it is the special privilege of the capitalist or the trade unionist. Social welfare can be the only criterion of successful policy. The stock of the word "democracy" has gone up in proportion as that of the word "socialism" has gone down. "Democracy" meaning not only rule "by the



MANNEQUIN: "FORCE MAJEURE."

Everyone Should Read It

Mr. John Masefield, O.M., is the Poet Laureate. He is the author of poems and plays and several fascinating romances and tales both in prose and verse. His slim volume called "The Nine Days Wonder" was compiled from talks with many officers, sailors and airmen, and from various records in the Ministries about the rescue of the British Army from Dunkirk.

My heart swells when I try to write a short review of this little book telling of the rescue of our army from the Dunkirk beaches. It is a tale told with the utmost simplicity, and there is not a line of rhetoric, but it profoundly moves the spirit.

Everyone in Great Britain and in America should read it; every European who is counting on Britain's fortitude and valour in the present struggle should clamour for a translation into their own tongue. For it is a great story, and told by a poet, a romance-writer and a passionate lover of the sea, its ships and seamen—John Masefield, the Poet Laureate. I fancy that what has enabled him to tell the tale of the rescue of more than 300,000 men from Dunkirk with such stark restraint, is that he has unpacked his heart in one poem at the end of his preface and four at the end of his narrative. I do not class them as the greatest poetry, but I do admit that, with the marvelous story still in my mind, I cannot even now read some of the lines without hot tears.

Appalling Operations

The book calls "May 26th to June 3rd 1940" the "Nine Days Wonder," for in that time 310,000 soldiers were rescued from the beaches of Dunkirk—123,095 of them being French. Masefield describes the appalling nature of the operation; the difficulty of finding and sending shipping "forty-odd miles, to embark over three hundred thousand men, within a fortnight, from one beach and one jetty and bring them back the forty-odd miles," those miles continually attacked from the air; there was great danger from magnetic mines, floating mines and moored mines; there

people" but "in the interests of the people." In this sense of the term it is democracy rather than socialism which will present the political challenge of the future.

was the added risk of attack from submarines and motor-torpedo boats.

He goes on to say: "These were some of the complications which war gave to the problem. The greatest complications were the war itself. . . . No man knew what the situation would be within the next few days and each of the then allies wanted different things at once."

The British were wanted on the Belgian right flank, and on the French right flank and — "we wanted them to fall back quickly

**By Edith
Lyttelton**

to end the very dangerous situation in which they stood; but both being on their native soil, wished to stay where they were."

He continues: "When the operation Dynamo began, it was thought that only a few thousand could be saved." All through the nine days our aeroplanes and their young pilots fought back the German bombers over and over again. On land the rearguard action so heroically fought had staved off the disaster so that at one moment there seemed to be a hope that the whole B.E.F. might be saved. "But on the fifth day, when special effort was being made to lift the rearguard . . . the whole arrangement was cancelled so that the French might be brought to England instead."

Thoughtful French

"The French soldiers took longer to embark than ours; they never liked to embark save as complete units," said one observer, and it is good to record the remark of another: "They were extraordinarily thoughtful, often we could not get them to share our rations, as they thought that we were short of food." AH — read the whole story — it only covers 55 pages of a small book; read of the air battles. The enemy "had the might; no doubt of that; he had the target of his dreams, and the prize of a century." Read of a flight of three airmen taking on fifty-seventy-five of the German bombers; how one British pilot met a formation of forty to fifty, attacked them single-handed and split them up. It is right that these facts should be recorded.

for at the time some waiting on the Beaches must have asked each other why they did not see any of our aeroplanes. They did not realise then how much of their final escape was owing to the way the German bombers were kept back. Then read of the destroyers, the steamships, the mine-sweepers, the drifters, the merchant vessels — read of them all crowding into the channel, steaming, sailing, rowing all day and all night.

"Most of the embarkations had to be done by small ships, because only these could lie near the shore or enter the channel at low water. All ships coming near to the coast were bombed. A bomb bursting near a small ship always disarranged or broke some of her gear. . . . The losses in men were very great; in ships severe, and in boats enormous. Those ordering this adventure in Dover had daily to replace men and repair or replace ships; for probably no ship returned from the beach undamaged. The minds which improvised this service had to be prepared for great losses. . . . Nothing but enormous, heroic industry and utter self-sacrifice kept the ships steadily plying to and fro. . . . They needed an incredible number of rafts, ladders, brows, lifebuoys and grasslines. . . . Many thousands of the men brought were wounded. These had to have instant attention and special removal. Hundreds of the dead had to be landed to be buried."

Courage God-Like

Read, too, of the individual efforts. Mr. Smith, in a motor boat with a crew of two who had never been to sea before, ferried about 800 men to two Dutch skiffs. Commander Clouston, R.N., who lost his life, "after doing noble service on the jetty at Dunkirk" "under fearful conditions of strain and danger." Read of Coulthard and Evans, who plugged a hole in their ship with all the beds they could find. When the leak was checked, Mr. Evans stood up to the neck in water, holding open a large valve while Mr. Coulthard kept the pumps going.

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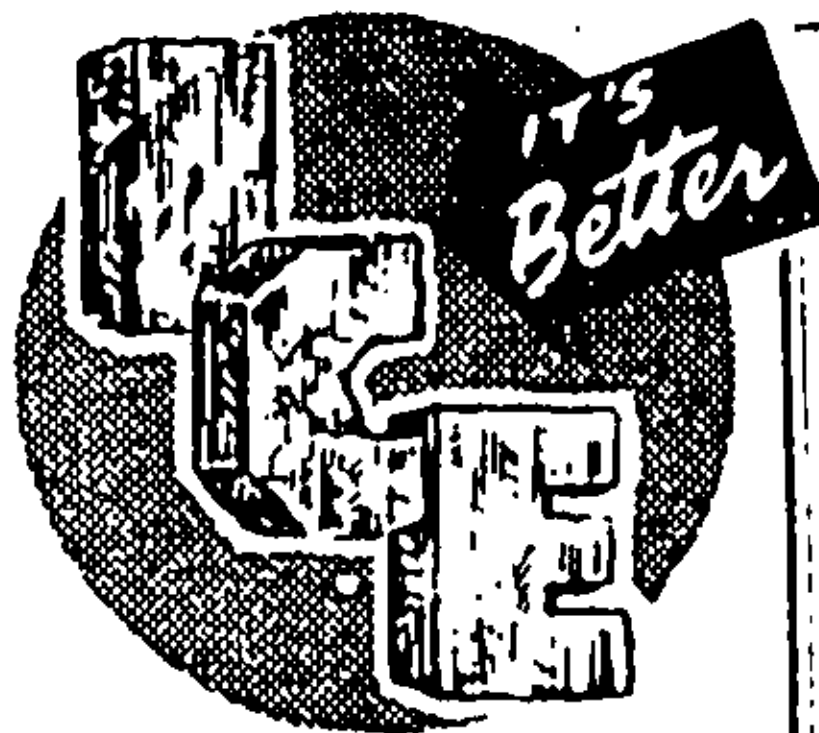
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SPIRITUALLY UNCONQUERED POLISH NATION**NAZI COLUMN
ANNIHILATED IN
VILLAGE AMBUSH**

A BEARDED man limped into the London offices of the "Sunday Chronicle" recently and asked to see the Editor.

He was a Pole who had just arrived in England after a desperate escape from Nazi-ridden Poland by a secret route through German-occupied territories.

He brought a grim story of how a militarily vanquished but spiritually unconquered nation is fighting back against barbaric oppressors.

"Just before I left several weeks ago," he said, "I saw a guerilla band ambush and slaughter a German transport unit near a village in the South-West of the 'General Government'."

"When the Nazis heard of the transport's fate they rushed a regiment of infantry to the scene of the ambush. They shot every man on the spot, no matter what his age."

"Then they set fire to all houses in the district and turned machine-guns on women and children as they tried to get out."

"Only three women escaped out of the whole population—and they considered themselves unlucky."

"This was no unusual occurrence," continued the Pole. "For weeks on end there would be no one day in which no serious acts of sabotage occurred. In my district shots were to be heard in the woods every night. Next morning German soldiers would be delivered to hospitals or mortuaries."

Reprisals

"Every act of sabotage or guerilla warfare was followed by horrible reprisals on the part of the Germans."

"In one district a train carrying, among other things, explosives and steel flasks filled with gas, was derailed. Great damage was caused, and 150 young Poles were arrested in the nearest village immediately afterwards."

"They were charged with sabotage and executed at once."

According to the "Sunday Chronicle's" first-hand informant the Nazi authorities have become so worried at the shooting of Germans and the ambushing of German transports, that they recently issued new orders for dealing with sabotage.

Blind Injustice

By these orders the populations of villages nearest to the scenes of "accidents" are made "collectively responsible" at courts-martial formed on the spot at a moment's notice.

The inevitable executions follow the inevitable verdicts just outside the court.

But the saboteurs and guerillas fight on.

The underground movement is particularly strong among the workers of the industrial districts.

Goering has shifted many of his production centres eastwards in an attempt to get away from the R.A.F. bombers, but he is hampered just as much by the workers themselves when moving to Poland.

Unfortunate Polish engineers are held responsible for any fall in output, and many executions have taken place in Polish Silesia.

The Pro-Nazi

"In one factory in Skarżysk," the Polish visitor went on, "a terror-stricken chief engineer began to push forward the work on certain important plants as the Nazis demanded. He never finished that job."

"He was walking about the premises one day when a 'loose' desk 'fell' from a window on top of his head. He died."

"It was a pity for the man was a Pole. But he was ready to deal with the Germans instead of resisting them. What else could the workers do?"

"On that same day 300 of the engineer's factory staff were held collectively responsible for the accident and massacred before the machine-guns in a nearby forest."

The workers are not over-much afraid of dying, because life has been made not worth living in Poland.

**"TOUGH" MEN
DEMAND OPEN
BLADE RAZORS**

Though razors, like razor-blades, are not plentiful in the shops, there is a boom in their manufacture.

Sheffield makers are busier now than they were before the war.

The secret is that Britain is capturing the German trade in razors for the Empire countries. Demands are so heavy that retired craftsmen are returning to work.

Australia bids fair to become Britain's best customer for the "cut-throat" razors.

The tough backwoodsmen have never cared much for the safety variety.

They are, relates an exporter, among the world's best experts in stropping.

The British Navy and mercantile marine are good customers of the razor makers.

A large proportion of the men still prefer the long-handled type.

Production of these razors for the home market, like that of safety razors and blades, is limited to 25 per cent. of pre-war quantities.

**PATIENTS
IN MIX-UP**

Family of Edward Dean, of Stonard Road, Palmer's Green, N., are to have a reunion to celebrate a mix-up of hospital records which threatened tragedy and turned to joy.

It began when Edward's mother, Mrs. Arthur Dean, of Essex Street, London, was admitted to a hospital with delayed shock after their house had been bombed. With other patients, she was evacuated to the country.

Then her family received a police call to go to the hospital as she was dangerously ill. Puzzled and shocked, they rushed to the hospital.

They knew immediately the heavily bandaged figure in the bed was not Mrs. Dean. But the records said it was Mrs. Dean, and gave her address.

Then the mystery was solved. The patient was a Mrs. Dean, but not Edward's mother.

Her records had been mixed with those of incoming patients.

A telephone call straightened the mix-up. Mrs. Dean was well and happy in the country, and looking forward to her family's visit.

**HEBRIDES
TO MARKET
SEABIRDS' EGGS**

Lonely Hebridean Isles, where sea-birds nest in thousands, are to be visited this season by egg-gathering expeditions of crofters and fishermen.

Sea-gulls' eggs fetched up to 2s. a dozen in the London market in peace-time. They are said to be ideal for cake-making.

**8,500,000
BICYCLES
ARE LEFT
UNSECURED**

Nearly 20,000 bicycles are being stolen each year in Britain. And as war conditions send up the value of machines that figure is likely to increase.

Each day police headquarters in London and provincial centres are receiving more complaints. And it is the carelessness of the public which has brought about this position.

Mr. A. P. Chamberlin, secretary of the National Cyclists' Union told the "Evening Standard."

"There are between 10,000,000 to 12,000,000 bicycles in use in Britain to-day."

"I guarantee that I could manage to steal almost any one of them at will. Bicycle theft is about the easiest thing on earth."

"Out of that huge total barely 15 per cent. take the trouble to protect their machines - in any way when they are left unattended out-of-doors."

That means that about 8,500,000 bicycles are potential booty.

**LOVE CALL MADE HER
BECOME A
MANNEQUIN**

Ann d'Arcy, cabaret girl with the snakiest hips, has become a mannequin, hoping that she may be sent to South America with the British Government's dress show. She was brought up in Argentina.

"I had a girlhood romance there," she told a reporter. "I want to return and see him."

When the scheme was announced, Ann, who worked at the Cafe de Paris, dieted on orange juice for a week to make sure her hips were the snakiest.

Then she applied for a job with firms who were sending models to South America. "But the models had all been chosen. Still, I'm carrying on. In case they want some more."

Ann works for Rahvis, showing slinky dresses.

"She has the most perfect figure I've seen," said Miss Rahvis. Ann's hips are 35in., bust 36½in., waist 25½in.

Drive Penetrates 70 Miles Inland

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

BRITISH, IMPERIAL AND FREE FRENCH TROOPS, AUGMENTED BY CONSIDERABLE FORCES OF VICHY SOLDIERS WHO HAVE GONE OVER TO GENERAL DE GAULLE, ARE PUSHING DEEPER INTO SYRIA AND LEBANON IN THE BLITZ OFFENSIVE LAUNCHED BEFORE DAWN ON SUNDAY TO QUICKLY OCCUPY THE WHOLE OF THE FRENCH-MANDATED TERRITORY AND SNATCH IT FROM THE GERMANS' GRASP.

Encountering little if any resistance, several Allied columns, supported by R.A.F. 'planes, are reported to be swiftly closing in on Damascus, the capital. Capture of Beirut, the capital's port, is regarded as probable within a few hours.

General Wilson's British and Free French Forces are understood to have seized control of almost the entire 24,000-square mile Jebel Druse mountain area, and British occupation of Syria within a few days with little if any major opposition is authoritatively predicted.

FLEW OVER GERMANY WITH CZECH SECRETS

The secret of the mysterious aeroplane which landed at Croydon on the evening before the Germans entered Prague two years ago has at last been revealed.

When the German detachments on the evening of March 15, 1939, invaded the Czechoslovak Republic there was an historic scene in the General Staff building in Prague.

Escape In A Storm

One of the high officers of the Czechoslovak army had to decide what to do with the state's valuable documents and files, which it was thought would be of great value to any western countries threatened by Germany.

At length 11 officers of the Czechoslovak Intelligence Service were told to get this valuable material out of the country at all costs.

The job was not a simple one. There was danger not only for the officers but also for their families, who would certainly fall into the hands of the Germans the next day. A heavy storm was raging over Prague. But they had to take off as quickly as possible. Their aeroplane climbed as high as possible, because orders had been given by the Germans forbidding aeroplanes to take off, and threatening to fire on any which disobeyed.

Germans' Search

The aeroplane left Bohemia and flew west over Germany. Here the storm was even worse, and from time to time the aeroplane was driven miles out of its direction.

As darkness fell searchlights began to sweep the skies, and the aeroplane was picked up in the beams. Again it had to climb to escape.

"The Germans had been told of our escape and were searching for us," one of the officers stated.

They escaped, however, and after a short stop in a neutral airport in Northern Europe, these 11 Czechoslovak officers landed at Croydon at 10.40 p.m. on March 14, 1939.

They were the first Czechs to join the British. They became military collaborators of President Benes in London, and are now serving in the Czechoslovak army in Great Britain.

The story was told by one of the aeroplane's passengers.

At some points the Allied advance, according to the London "Daily Express," has reached 70 miles into Syria, and one column has driven 30 miles along the road from the Jebel Druse area to Damascus.

The progress of the British entry into Syria by the coast road from Tyre and beyond the general line inland was announced by a communique from British Middle East General Headquarters last evening.

River Litani Crossed

The communique states: "Penetration by the Allied forces into Syria is progressing. By this morning they were beyond Tyre and later effected the crossing of the River Litani."

"On the right they have advanced beyond Lizzra-Sheikh-Miskine-Quinetra."

The advance northward of our forces, consisting of mechanised British, Free French, Australians and Indians, is progressing, according to messages received in Cairo.

It is considered very satisfactory that they have crossed the River Litani, which might have been a serious obstacle.

Very few details are yet available in Cairo on the political aspect as to French reaction but it seems evident that resistance must have been slight so far.

The advance from Dera, through the difficult Jebel-Druse country, is also progressing satisfactorily.

Jebel Druse Pro-British

This area is mostly composed in the south-east of lava beds and transport must needs keep to tracks.

But the Jebel Druses have memories of ruthless repression and are believed to be pro-British.

The roads through Dera and Quinetra, both 40 to 45 miles from Damascus, converge on that city—most important centre in Syria.

Sheikh-Miskine is half way between them, and Tyre is about 30 to 35 miles from Beirut, with the Litani River some 10 miles to the north.

THERE IS NO EVIDENCE OF GERMAN ACTION. — INTERNATIONAL NEWS AND REUTER.

BLACK-OUT LIGHTS: DIPLOMATS WARNED

THE DIPLOMATIC Corps as a body is being asked to ensure that the black-out regulations are strictly observed by its members, writes the "Sunday Express" Diplomatic Correspondent.

The corps includes all the Ambassadors and Ministers of foreign countries accredited here.

There have recently been complaints that the black-out is broken by foreign diplomats.

The "Sunday Express" revealed that unlicensed lights are being shown by people connected with embassies and legations.

They plead diplomatic immunity when investigations are made.

TEACHING SEX APPEAL

The technique of sex appeal should be taught to university students, says Miss Pearl Buck, the novelist.

"Nothing can give sex appeal to the man or woman who does not possess the technique, whether God-given or taught," she told the Progressive Education Association of Philadelphia.

"The teaching of sex appeal technique should be included as part of the education of men and women for each other," she added, "with full training in regard to the proper times and places to use it." — Reuter.

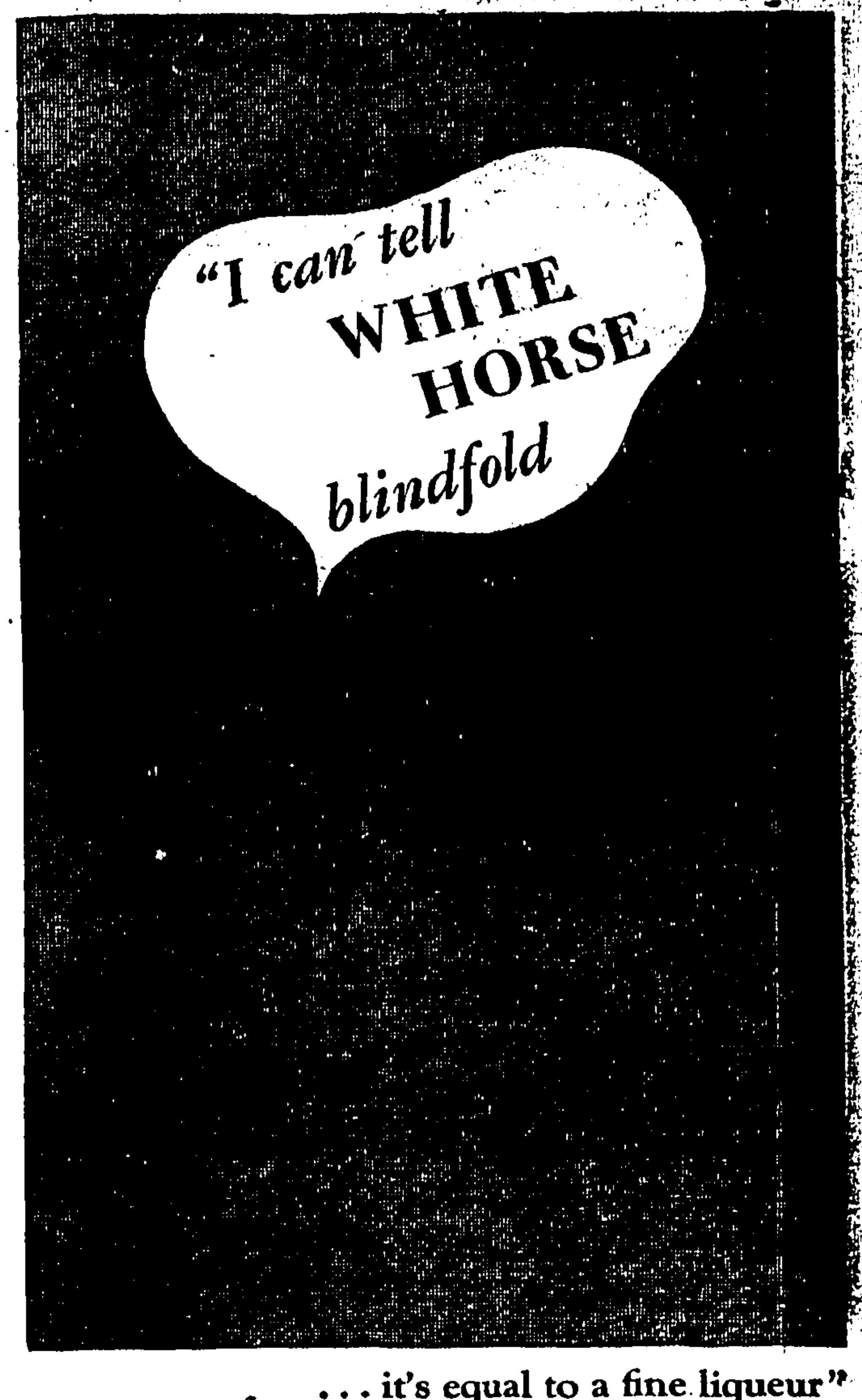
ITALIANS' "CONFIRMED LOSSES"

Italian General Headquarters in Rome yesterday issued the following list of "confirmed losses" for the month of May.

On the Greco-Albanian and Albanian-Yugoslav fronts 1,430 were killed, 4,123 wounded and 223 missing. On the Ita'o-Yugoslav fronts 14 were killed and 24 wounded.

In North Africa 329 were killed, 752 wounded and 23,919 missing. In East Africa 58 were killed, 77 wounded and 2,354 missing.

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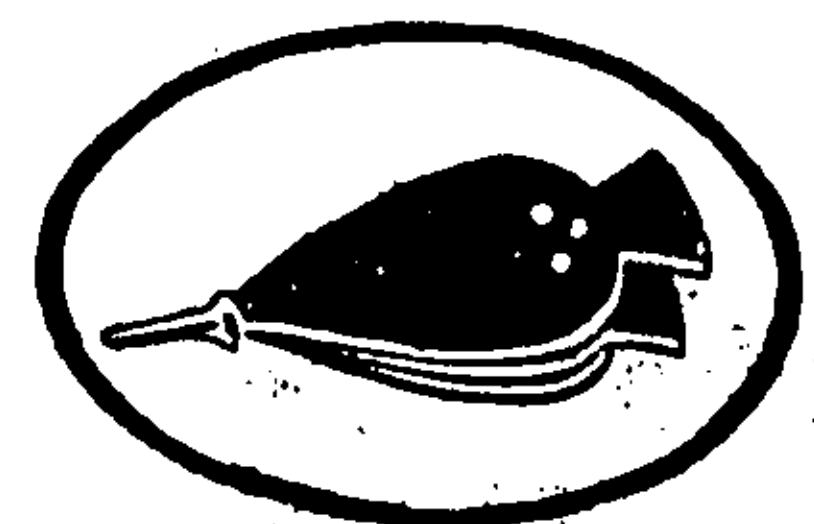
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- From 7.30 a.m. to 9.30 a.m. (approx.) Gloucester Road and that part of Hennessy Road between Fenwick Street and Stewart Road, will be closed to Vehicular Traffic.
- Traffic will be diverted by way of Johnston Road or Lockhart Road.
- Car parks will be formed in that part of Luard Road, O'Brien Road and Fleming Road which lies between Hennessy Road and Johnston Road. The Car Parks in O'Brien Road and Luard Road are reserved for the cars of official spectators. Persons arriving by car are requested to approach by way of Johnston Road.
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Route No. 1 will proceed via Johnston Road from Arsenal St to Wanchai Road.

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Sd. J. P. PENNEFATHER-EVANS,
Commissioner of Police
Hong Kong, 10th June, 1941.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the ANNUAL ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of Shareholders will be held at the HONG KONG HOTEL, Hong Kong, on **WEDNESDAY, the 11th JUNE, 1941, at 11.00 A.M.,** for the purpose of receiving the Report of Directors together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ended 30th April, 1941.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from **WEDNESDAY, 4th day of June, to WEDNESDAY, the 11th of June, 1941, both days inclusive.**

JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON,
General Managers.
Hong Kong, 29th May, 1941.

THE CANTON INSURANCE OFFICE LIMITED

Notice To Shareholders

THE SIXTIETH ORDINARY MEETING of Shareholders will be held at the Offices of the undersigned on **WEDNESDAY, the 25th June, 1941, at Noon,** for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Agents, together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ended the 31st December, 1940.

The Share Register and Transfer Books will be closed from the 11th June to the 25th June, 1941, both days inclusive.

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Hong Kong, 4th June, 1941.

BRIDGE NOTES

AGGRAVATING A MISFIT

By The Four Aces

A wise player looks for an opportunity to pass as soon as he senses a misfit. North, in to-day's hand, was not a wise player, so he gave the opponents 800 points as a gift.

South, Dealer
North-South vulnerable

NORTH
♠ Q
♥ 9 8
♦ K Q J 9 7
♣ A 9 7 6 3

WEST
♠ K 10 6 2
♥ A 2
♦ A 8 6 3 2
♣ J 2

EAST
♠ 9 5
♥ J 10 5 4
♦ 10 5
♣ K Q 10 5 4

SOUTH
♠ A J 8 7 4 3
♥ K Q 7 6 3
♦ 4
♣ 8

The bidding:

South	West	North	East
1♠	2♦	Dbl.	Pass
2♥	Pass	3♣	Pass
3♥	Pass	3NT	Dbl.
4♠	Dbl.	5♥	Dbl.
Pass	Pass	Pass	

North's double of two diamonds was, of course, perfectly sound; but so was South's decision to bid his hearts. The South hand was worth little defensively but a great deal on offence if North had a fit for either of the major suits. And, if North had been a wise player, he would have passed right then and there!

It was obvious that South had taken out the double of two diamonds because he had unusual distribution and not much defensive strength. And since South had bid the two major suits, it was obvious that his unusual distribution consisted of length in those two suits. North could see that he could get nowhere bidding the minors or even no-trump; the hand was just a misfit, and the sooner he passed the better off he would be.

That is, North could see all that if he had eyes to see. But some players are deaf to all warnings and blind to all stop signals; and North, a member of that class, persisted in his stubborn bidding until the opponents doubled. The result was an 800-point penalty instead of a fulfilled part score of two hearts.

Yesterday you were Oswald Jacoby's partner and, with both sides vulnerable, you held;

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♠ K 7 5
♥ J 8 3 2
♦ 8 4
♣ K 9 6 3

The bidding:

Schenker	Jacoby	Maler	You
1NT	Dbl.	2♥	(?)

ANSWER: Double. Your partner has a reasonably balanced and very strong hand, so your four trumps and two Kings guarantee a good-sized set if the opponents stay in two hearts.

Score 100% for double, 20% for pass.

Question No. 738

To-day you are Howard Schenker's partner and, with both sides vulnerable, you hold:

♠ 10 8 6 3 2
♥ 7
♦ Q J 5 4
♣ K 6 3

The bidding:

Jacoby	Schenker	Maler	You
1NT	Dbl.	3♥	(?)

What do you bid? (Answer

To-morrow.)

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ANGRY AT MINT THEFT

A Royal Mint refinery official told East London Juvenile Court recently that the theft of £100 worth of silver coins by a boy packer was "the most terrible affair we have had," and was "resented by the boy's fellow-workers."

It had been stated that the boy, aged fifteen, broke open a crate when he was alone in a strong-room. He took the coins out of the building from time to time in his gas mask container.

The Mint official also said in court that the boy was never left alone for more than a quarter of an hour. The probable reason he had not been heard opening the crate was that there was a certain amount of noise in the building.

Adjourning the case the chairman, Mr. Basil Henriques, said: "It does not excuse the boy in the least, but it does seem that he had planned the theft after discovering that he was often left alone."

WAIT TILL HE HEARS OF THIS

Naval guards removing 500 crewmen from the seized 23,250-ton Italian liner Conte Biancamano for transport to New York had quite a start when some of the prisoners were seen to heave a heavy object overboard.

Believing it to be a bomb, Navy divers gingerly groped for the object and finally brought it up. Carefully uncovering its canvas wrappings they found:

A life-size bronze bust of Premier Mussolini!

Unofficially it was reported that the Conte Biancamano's engines had been so badly sabotaged that repairs would require several months.

MILLION WORKERS BY JULY 1

Dr. John W. Studebaker, United States Commissioner of Education, predicted that by July 1,000,000 workers will be trained for skilled defence jobs in vocational and technical schools throughout the United States.

In a talk before the Workers Education Bureau, celebrating its twentieth anniversary, Dr. Studebaker asserted that labour, education and Government had cooperated to provide national defence industries with skilled men, and declared "we are going to succeed at the job of defending democracy, whatever the cost."

Matthew Woll, Vice-President of the American Federation of Labour, and Chairman of the Education Bureau, declared that "trade unionism and Hitlerism cannot live together."

"To-day the Nazi regime symbolises the rule of violence and anarchy in international affairs," Mr. Woll said. "Their policy violates every sense of human decency that we know. But for labour this threat of the Nazi tyranny is a threat not only to democratic process, but the possibility of trade unions to survive in the world."

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By ED REED



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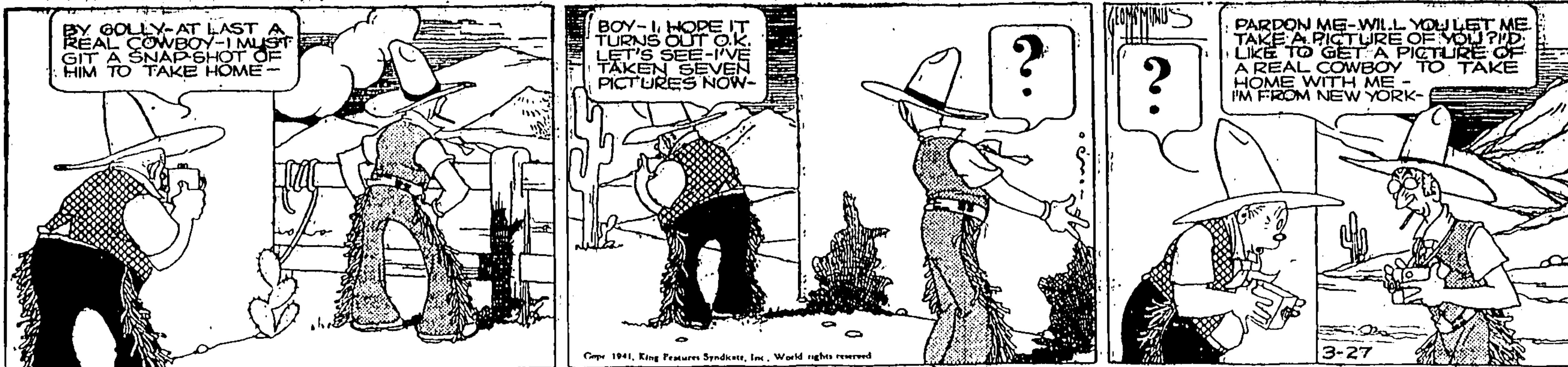
"The postal authorities wouldn't let us send King Tut to the museum—they said he isn't wrapped correctly!"

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Bringing Up Father



A PAGE FOR WOMEN Icy Dip Is Finale To Perfect Make-Up

When Mona Manet, fascinating young New York cosmetician, describes the correct procedure for her flattering make-up, she likens it to the famous Chinese flower art. Chinese women, you know, start with a very large bouquet and gradually eliminate one flower after another until eventually there are only a few blossoms left in the arrangement!

For an exquisite facial effect, Miss Manet believes a woman should spend thirty minutes making up her face and finish by removing most of what she has applied by ducking her face into a bowl of ice water!

If that sounds silly to you read her directions for new make-up to be worn with Beige—the season's leading colour.

On your cleaned skin apply several tiny dots of brunette foundation cream. Wet the finger tips and smooth the foundation into the thinnest imaginable film. Apply a lively red cream rouge close to the eyes (to cover the circles) and towards the temple (that's the direction you blush). Use two eyeshadows. Grey to begin with—smoothed on very gently. Then green close to the lashes.

Eyebrows make or break a make-up, so the eyebrow pencil is used with the lightest of strokes following the hair growth—never press the hair into a solid line.

Now you are ready for your lipstick which will match your rouge in colour. Apply it with a long haired Chinese brush. You may restyle your mouth completely and give it a new appealing shape or you may follow your true lip line. Outline the lips first and then fill in and blot off excess colouring on a cob-webby tissue—set rouge by dusting lips with face powder and then paint them again.

Now you powder. (A goldish shade is lovely with beige.) Use an immaculately clean fluffy puff or a large swoosh of fresh absorbent cotton. Miss Manet advises you to powder your face lavishly



The smoothing of foundation cream is the primary step in attaining a clever, flattering make-up. Mildred Coles of Warner's Studio spends ten minutes applying her foundation film.

all over, right up to your hair oil on eyelids and brows, a bit of line. Then brush the powder maccara on upper eyelashes with away with a soft, long bristled clean brush.

As a finish—here my dear! If you carry out all these instructions the effect will be that the shock—clap your entire face of radiant health—a lovely glow quickly into a bowl of ice-cold water! Blot with a thin tissue powder! no wiping.

It is the Chinese method and a Then just a "soupcon" of beauty good one!

Well-Manicured Nails Protect Sheer Hose



Dieting Diet says sticking a finger into every pie doesn't help one while striving to get into the feather-weight class.

Business girls discover that a weekly manicure and daily care of fingernails is truly a good investment of time or money, for when the hands are free of hangnails and the polish is smooth, there is little possibility of snagging one's hose. The smallest hangnail or merest split can catch a silk thread and cause a run which certainly involves greater expense than the cost of a manicure!

Women who complain about chipping and splitting nails should check up on their daily habits. Opening a wrist-watch safety clasp, for instance, will split a nail, or using bobby pins will do it. I've seen beautiful nails split and the polish chip from the simple job of opening a package. If you want beautiful nails you must be careful how you use them. Do not expect them to substitute for knives or scissors!

If you paint your nails with coloured lacquer it is good to go without it for a week or so when your nails show indication of being below par in health. During that time keep them nicely

shaped and buff them to a natural gloss. Also eat of the foods which help to build strong nails such as milk, beans, cheese, eggs, fish, asparagus, peas and lentils, barley, endive.

Many women find that a clear base beneath the polish helps the polish to wear better and prevents the more vivid colours from staining the nails. Never, never paint fresh polish over old, chipped polish—it doesn't look smooth and it is bound to flake off.

About Nail Shades

Nail polish shades follow fashion's colour chart very closely. If new shades of dress and coat materials appear you may be assured that there is a nail polish on your cosmetic counter which matches, contrasts or blends with it. In fact there are so many variations of nail polish shades now presented that I cannot begin to describe them.

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Lighter shades are still worn by fifty per cent of the women and girls as I discovered upon questioning a dozen or so manicurists in the better salons—so if you like pale fingers do not hesitate to wear a pale polish.

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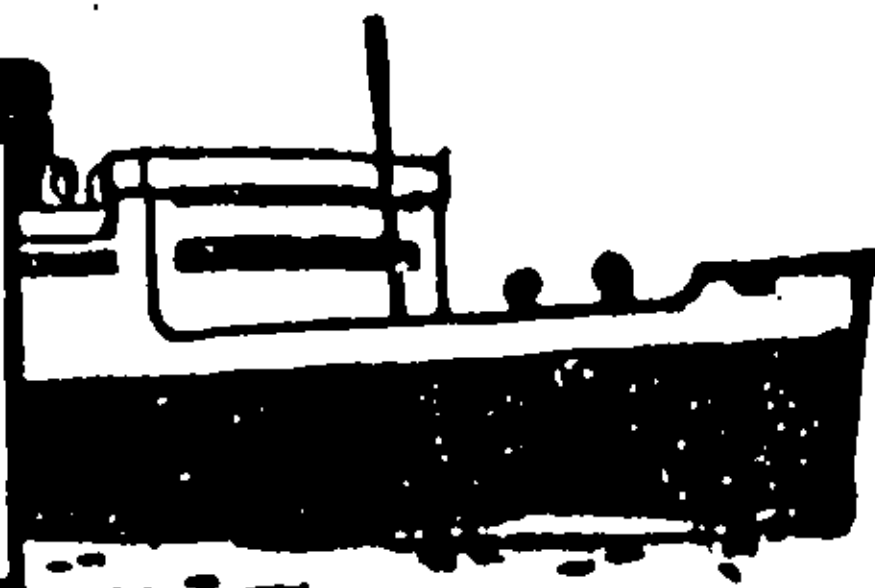
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12.15 p.m.—Short Service of Intercession.

12.30 p.m.—Paul Whiteman and His Concert Orchestra with Heddle Nash (Tenor).

Second Rhapsody (Gershwin).... Paul Whiteman & his Concert Orch. The Fair Maid of Perth—Serenade (Bizet).... Heddle Nash (Tenor) with Orchestra.

The Chocolate Soldier—My Hero, Waltz (Oscar Strauss).... Paul Whiteman & his Orchestra with Vocal Chorus.

The Dubarry—If I am Dreaming (Leigh-Millock).... Heddle Nash (Tenor) with Orchestra.

When Day is Done (De Sylva—Katscher).... Paul Whiteman & his Concert Orchestra.

1.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal and Programme Summary.

1.02 p.m.—Variety.

Vocal—I Wished on the Moon (from "The Big Broadcast of 1936"): I'm in the Mood for Love (from "Every Night at Eight").... Lanny Ross with Orchestra accomp.

Orch.—Hot Pie: Part 1—Quicksteps; Part 2—Slow Fox-Trots.... Scott Wood & his Six Swingers.

Vocal—It's like reaching for the Moon (Lewis & others): Long ago and Far away (film "Three Cheers for Love").... Frances Langford with Orchestra.

Orch.—One never knows, does one? (from "Stowaway").... Mal Hallett & his Orchestra.

Vocal—Yodelling Hobo (Ted & Ezra).... The Hill Billies with Their Own Novelty Accomp.

1.30 p.m.—Reuter & Rugby Press and Announcements.

1.45 p.m.—Swing and Sway with Sammy Kaye.

Fox-Trots—Amapol: You're the Moment of a Lifetime.

Waltz—Down the Gypsy Trail (from "Ecstasy")....

Fox-Trot—Along the Santa Fe Trail (film "Along the Santa Fe Trail"): Sunset at Sea; That's my Way of saying I Love You; A Cathedral in Rio; The Gaucho Serenade.

Waltz—As 'round and 'round we go.

2.15 p.m.—Close down.

5.45 p.m.—Indian Programme.

6.30 p.m.—Closing Local Stock Quotations.

6.32 p.m.—Dance Music.

Fox-Trots—Keep an Eye on your Heart; I'm always chasing Rainbows (film "Ziegfeld Girl").... Joe Reichman & his Orchestra.

Waltz—Confidence; Quick-Step—Memories of You.... Victor Silvester & his Ballroom Orchestra.

Rumbas—When Bomba plays a Rumba; When a Cuban says "I Love You".... Harry Roy & his Orchestra.

Fox-Trot—A Nightingale sang in Berkeley Square (from "New Faces").... Quick-Step—Tiggerty Boo.... Joe Loss & his Orchestra.

7.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News.

7.15 p.m.—London Relay—"Questions of the Hour".

7.30 p.m.—Portuguese Programme.

8.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal, Programme Summary and Announcements.

8.02 p.m.—Popular Selections from Light Opera.

"The Maid of the Mountains"—Selection.... The London Palladium Orch.

"The Bohemian Girl"—Vocal Gems.... Light Opera Company.

"Belle of New York"—Selection (Kerker).... Band of H.M. Coldstream Guards.

"The Merry Widow"—Villia; The Merry Widow Waltz.... Jeannette MacDonald (Soprano) with Orch.

8.30 p.m.—Paul Robeson (Bass) and the Boston Orchestra.

Waltz—"The Sleeping Beauty" Ballet (Tchailowsky); Polonaise Militaire in A Major (Chopin, orchestrated by Glazunov).... Boston Promenade Orchestra.

Blue Prelude (Bishop); Swing Along (Cook).... Paul Robeson (Bass) with Orchestra.

Entry of the Boyards—March (Halvorsen).... Boston Promenade Orch.

Dear Old Southland (Creamer—Layton).... Paul Robeson (Bass) with Orchestra.

Intermezzo—"Cavaleria Rusticana" (Mascagni).... Boston Orchestra.

9.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News & News Commentary.

9.15 p.m.—Piano Recital by Alfred Cortot.

Ballade No. 3 in A Flat Major, Op. 47 (Chopin); "Rigoletto"—Paraphrase de Concert (Verdi—Liszt); Valse in A Flat, Op. 69, No. 1 (Chopin); Jeux d'Eau (The Fountain) (Ravel); Fantaisie Impromptu in C Sharp Minor, Op. 66 (Chopin).

9.45-10.00 p.m.—News in French (on Short Wave only).

9.45 p.m.—Luigini—Ballet Egyptian.

Marek Weber and His Orchestra.

10.00 p.m.—Wagner—"The Valkyrie" Act I. Characters and Solists in order of appearance: Siegmund.... Lauritz Melchior (Tenor); Sieglinde.... Lotte Lehmann (Soprano); Rundling.... Emanuel List (Bass) with The Vienna Philharmonic Orchestra cond. by Bruno Walter.

11.00 p.m.—Close down.

BREAKING POINT NEAR IN FRANCE

MATTERS IN FRANCE are reaching breaking point. So far the Germans have pretended not to notice the hostility daily growing stronger and more bitter. Their policy has been to placate, to try to cajole by talk of collaboration and the "essential role of France" in the new Europe, until such time as, after victory (about which they don't look quite so sure) the mask could be thrown off and France disposed of in accordance with the intention in black and white in Hitler's book, "Mein Kampf", which we have not forgotten—"Il faut abattre la France" (France must be smashed).

This action has duped no one. The papers are filled with lies of German propaganda that no one pays any attention to. Paris and the whole of occupied France are one hundred per cent, de Gaulle. How much longer will the Germans be able to pretend they do not see the solid hatred of them? The other day on the Boulevard St. Michel, when a German patrol stopped for a moment, students at a cafe began to sing Chopin's Dead March. They were orderly and not singing too loudly. The students, by the way, now flock to the Cafe Lutece. Lutece was the capital of "la Gaule"—the allusion is obvious. They used to carry long thin sticks, or "gaules," but as these could be designated as possible arms they were prohibited.

French people whistle the "Marche Lorraine," the march of de Gaulle's men in London. It is a well-known popular march and cannot be objected to. Speaking of Lorraine, the Lorraine cross has been something of a rage, seen everywhere. Even the German soldiers, in ignorance of its significance, buy Lorraine crosses to send home.

Over-applauding in the cinemas has given way to fits of mass coughing when a German propaganda film displeases. The German in a Paris shop has a bad time in making himself understood, even though he may speak French fluently. He is made to repeat a dozen times the name of any article he wants. His money doesn't talk: it's as false as he is. The German women have a worse time. They are almost openly laughed at because of their inability to look "chic." "I never shall look chic," said one of these gawky German women, in a moment of candour and envy. "Oh yes you will," said the shop girl. And leaning across the counter she almost hissed, "Quand tu sera crevee" (When you're dead.)

The nine o'clock curfew is slightly less rigorously enforced. When patrols marched through some of the obscure streets in Montmartre flower pots fell off window sills. One patrol, in a rough quarter, was pounced on and downed to a man and soundly beaten. The Germans said little about this for obvious reasons.

But this sort of thing cannot go on for long. The German will be pushed to use force and show his hand. That is what he fears. The storm is brewing all right.

'SILENT GANG' ROB POST OFFICE SAFES

"The Silent Gang" is held to be responsible for two Post Office safe robberies in London, a gang which has recently carried out a number of similar carefully planned coups.

The latest were at Humber Road, Cricklewood, in which the haul was about £1,400 in notes, cash and postal orders, and at Gander Green-lane, Cheam, Surrey, where the contents of the safe were worth at least £500 and probably more.

Used A Car

In each case, the thieves are assumed to have used a car to get away with the safe, as in previous instances. They did their work in silence—a feature of all the robberies which has earned the gang its name.

It was stated in the House of Commons recently that there had been 183 post office robberies in the last seven months, though there was no loss in a number of cases.

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"PETER PAN" MAYOR

Once a week the Mayor of Gateshead, Alderman P. S. Hancock, "becomes a child" and writes a long letter to the twenty children he has "adopted" and who have been sent overseas from his town.

He gives them the latest news of their pals at school.

"I can imagine just how lonely those kiddies feel in a strange land," Alderman Hancock told the "Daily Mirror."

"Writing in a grown-up manner would be no use to many of them, so I think out all the old words I used as a kiddie, and then I write as one child to another in simple phrases they can understand. That is the hardest part of the job."

"Teachers give me news of the absent kiddies' friends and I pass it on. I spend many hours each week writing. In fact, I am up until nearly two o'clock in the morning."

"I always write personally and use the Mayor's official paper. The crest on the notepaper delights the children."

"All of them have written back, even the youngest, telling me how glad and excited they are to receive my letters."

"I am beginning to feel as though the children are my own. The parents have all thanked me for the interest I have taken in them."

PILOT TOLD QUEEN A MILITARY SECRET

Pilot Officer Jack Calder of the Canadian Air Force found himself squarely on the spot, when he and a group of fellow fliers, wandering through the grounds of Windsor Castle, ran squarely into King George and Queen Elizabeth.

"How many men came on your crossing?" asked the Queen, making conversation.

Pilot Calder was on the verge of replying, when he suddenly caught himself.

"I am sorry, Your Majesty, but I guess I shouldn't say, seeing it's a military secret," he hedged.

"Oh I think you can trust me," the Queen said, reassuringly.

So he told her.

GEORGE LOOKED & FOUND ONION!

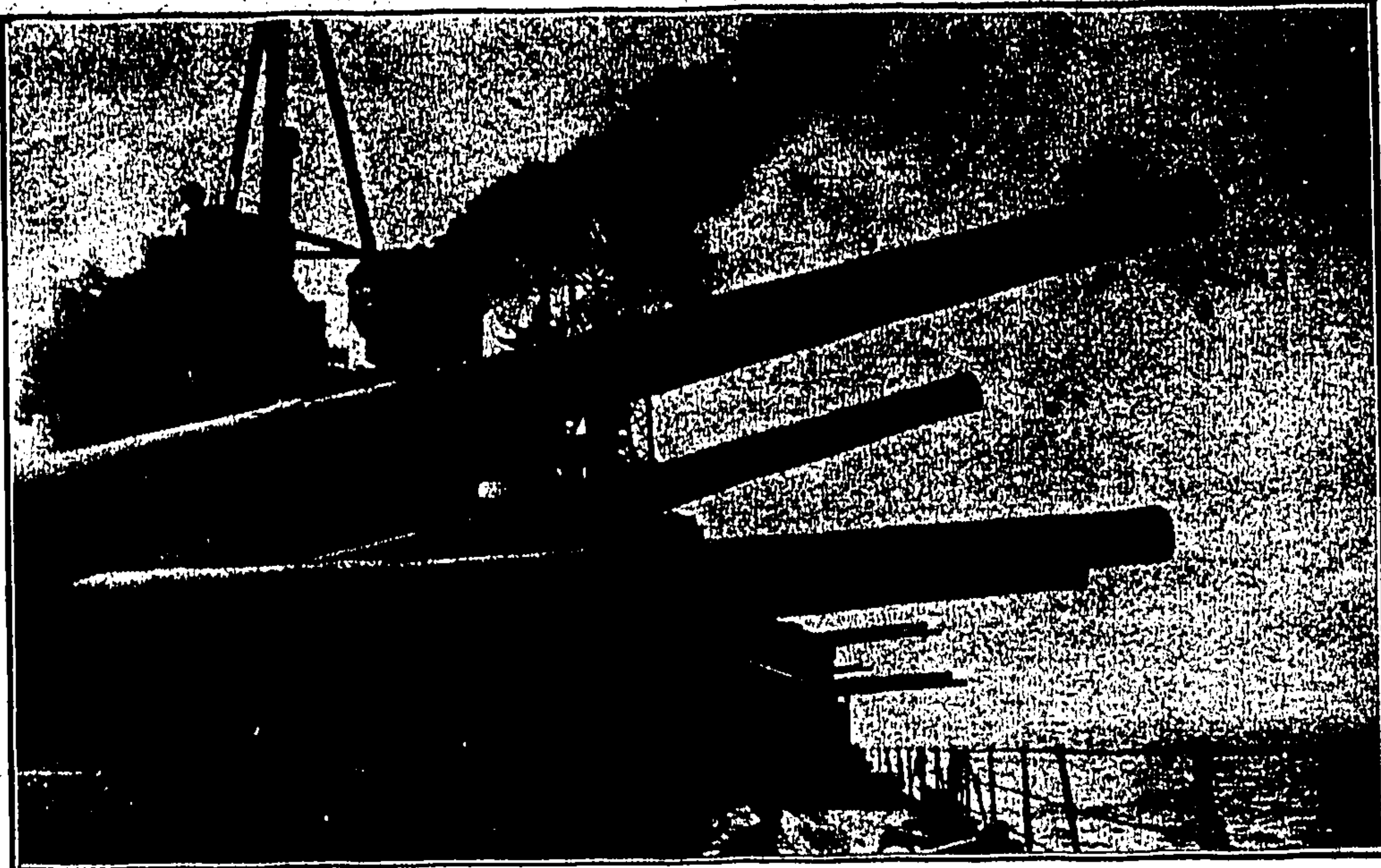
George Robey used to tell audiences how he "stopped and looked and listened."

To-day he stopped and looked and found an onion!

Motoring to open War Weapons Week at Shifnal (Shropshire) he was stopped by a woman on the outskirts of the town who gave him a mysterious linen bag. On opening it, he found it contained an onion.

The onion was auctioned by George at the Weapons Week opening and fetched 15 guineas.

Orpington (Kent) district raised about £250,000 in its War Weapons Week. It aimed at £100,000.



Britain's newest and mightiest battleship, King George V, which was engaged against the Bismarck, has a formidable armament including quadruple 14" gun turrets. This picture shows the four giant guns of one of these turrets, with secondary armament, 5.25" guns in the background. Men under the guns are preparing a towing cable during "general drill." (Copyright, Fox).

SERBIAN PRISONERS CLEARING CAPITAL

Travellers from Belgrade, bomb-ravaged Capital of Yugoslavia, report 6,000 fatalities occurred there and that the City is returning to normal.

German military authorities are organising a new city administration and ruins of buildings are being razed.

The travellers report that Jews and Serb war prisoners are being put to work clearing the wreckage. The waterworks and electricity have been restored, they report, but the railroads have not resumed operation because of the destruction of bridges and tunnels. The food situation in Belgrade is described as critical.

ACROSS THE WORLD TO JOIN R.A.F.

THE SCOTSMAN FROM PATAGONIA, WHO AS RECENTLY REPORTED, ARRIVED IN BRITAIN TO FLY IN THE R.A.F. AFTER JOURNEYING HUNDREDS OF MILES ON HORSEBACK TO BUENOS AIRES, HAS NOW BEEN JOINED BY ANOTHER BRITISH RESIDENT FROM THE SAME REMOTE REGION.

The latest arrival was doing well in Patagonia. He had good business prospects and had recently become engaged to be married. But the call of the R.A.F. was too strong to resist. He left his job, took farewell of his future wife and set out across the world to London.

One stage of the trip to Buenos Aires was made by air.

During the last part of the long sea voyage his ship was dogged by submarines but was not attacked. The whole journey from Patagonia to England took three months.

BRITISH SINK 'ALLIGATORS'

Colourful language is used to describe war news to the 8,000,000 or so South African natives, the majority of whom are illiterate.

The Department of Native Affairs now issues the news in the several languages of the Bantu peoples.

Some picturesque accounts of air battles fought in the course of the war at sea are presented to the natives by specially chosen radiocasters. About the newspaper offices also, groups of natives are to be seen scanning the news sheets printed in native languages. Those who can read take on the job of telling those who cannot.

An example of the type of news paragraphs supplied is as follows: "It is officially made known from London that since Monday of the past week two Nazi Sea-Alligators (U-boats) are known to have been slain by the British."

Describing British defence against daylight air attackers a report says: "Machines of ours tore up into the sky at them and cannons from the ground (anti-aircraft guns) let go showers of shells at them wherever they appeared."

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ARMY'S CONTRIBUTION TO BASEBALL

By "Squaddy"

The "Sappers," it will be recalled, were the first Military team in the Colony to take to the noble sport of "swatting the apple." When the game had such a grip on them they decided that it was time to see the Area Sports Board with the view of obtaining a ground for the purpose of practice and the playing of the sport.

Owing to the shortage of grounds on the Island, Area Sports Board were approached for the use of Chatham Road Sports Ground. This ground was granted to the Hong Kong Baseball League for the summer season.

As soon as they heard this the Engineers got busy and supervised the contractor in the construction of the present Baseball pitch and Sands. This in itself was a lot of hard work and worry and a race against time.

On Saturday "Sappers" were amply rewarded when His Excellency The Governor, Sir Geoffrey Northcote, officially opened the new Baseball Ground at Chatham Road.

As previously mentioned in this column, a circular has been sent to all Units in the Command asking for their views on the forming of an Army Baseball League. It is hoped that in the near future a few more Military teams will enter the Baseball League.

The game is still in its infancy in the Army yet, its costliness of equipment being one of its chief drawbacks, but next season should see the sport well on its way to being one of the most popular sports in the Colony.

HOCKEY

The Final of the Garrison Cup between Middlesex and Rajputs on Sunday was one of the most exciting games ever witnessed in Army Hockey.

Both sides were determined to win or die in the attempt for the Cup, the result was excellent play on both sides. The game began with long passes ruling and for the first 20 minutes, play was confined to midfield, so well did the defence of both sides work.

The Rajputs were always for keeping the ball upfield by long passes to the wing and should on numerous occasions have scored, but the inside forwards lacked understanding. They did not seem to work as a team. Middlesex winger Jackson sent a pass through which Bright placed in the net. The ball was driven with such a velocity and force that it came into the field of play again and for a few moments the play continued in front of the goal until the whistle blew.

About 10 minutes after the beginning of the second half Rajputs retaliated by netting a good goal which was the direct result of some excellent stick work. The "Dickheads" defenders were hard put now against the short passing

and "licking" moments of their opponents.

With the score level both teams livened up and the defence on either side was called upon to give some extra effort to keep the opposing forwards out.

Middlesex began to force the pace and were very aggressive on the left side of their attack. Jackson, Bright and Sheehan were very much responsible for the worry caused Rajputs' defence, and it was no surprise when Middlesex scored through Bright with about 10 minutes to go.

It then seemed as though the "Dickheads" would be the winners, for with one goal up and a few minutes to go they played like demons to keep the lead. Many a time it appeared as though they would score again. But Rajputs were not beaten yet, for suddenly, with a minute or less to go, the ball went down the field towards Middlesex goal and a terrible shot was let loose, and the goalkeeper, Winfield, placed himself in the direction of the ball's flight. The ball struck his pads and ricocheted into the goal, a few seconds before the final whistle went.

Both team captains agreed to play ten minutes extra time "each way" and in this extra half, Middlesex were very unlucky not to score. They forced no less than three short corners in a very brief space of time.

There were no outstanding moments in this period and the match finished in a draw.

The re-play has been scheduled to take place on Sunday.

PRESENTATION

An anonymous person has approached Area Sports Board with the intention of presenting a Trophy to the Board, to be competed for in any Tournament the Board think fit. This generous offer is at present under consideration by the Area Sports Board.

SOUTH CHINA WIN AGAIN

South China touring football team beat Combined Malayani and Chinese by three clear goals at Ipoh on Sunday. The goal scorers were Lee Wai-long and Lee Tak-kee (2).



HANDICAPS FOR MACAO RACING

Following are the handicaps for the Macao Jockey Club June Race Meeting to be held on Sunday at Macao:

THE CANBERRA HANDICAP—Six Furlongs—Australian Ponies "B", "C", "D" Classes.

A Good Time (135), Angel of Glory (152), Annabella (139), Cockleroi (147), Double Finesse (158), Joan (159), National Victory (135), Tobaccoship (144), Odin (142), Ozark (142) and Winnie (145).

THE HOBART HANDICAP—Six Furlongs—Novice Jockeys. Australian Ponies "E" Class.

Betaford (135), Blue Gown (139), Boneshaker (142), Buckfastleigh (142), Dick Turpin (142), High Hat (137), Rising Star (149), and Subpoena (142).

THE LAPPA HANDICAP—Six Furlongs—China Ponies "C" Class. Blue Diamond (140), Blue Field (152), Galveston Bay (147), Jennifer (138), Lancashire Lass (145), Night Express (140), Odeon (152), Oscar Zylch (142) and Smal Through (147).

THE MA KOK HANDICAP (First Section)—Six Furlongs. China Ponies "E" Class.

Black Diamond (135), George (140), King's Worthy (159), M. Adventure (140), National Success (152), Piet Hein (159), Rad Star (143) and Sports Venture (135).

THE STEWARDS' CUP—Six Furlongs—China Ponies "D" Class. Special Dollar Sweep.

Boat Bay (140), Eve of Hunting (159), Golden Cow (146), Gutness Time (142), Lovely Star (150), Portrush (146), Royal Highness (135), Sunlight View (135) and West Lake (149).

THE MA KOK HANDICAP (Second Section)—Novice Jockeys.

Eagle (147), Hopeful Time (152), National Anthem (146), National Liberty (159), New Bedford (159), The Mermald (149), The Spirit of St. Louis (146) and Victory Life (135).

There is a Special Sweep on "The Stewards' Cup" limited to 50,000 Tickets at One Dollar each.

HOME SOCCER PLANS

The annual meeting of the Football League was held yesterday at Nottingham, when it was decided that next season the League should be run in two competitions, the North and the South, on a points basis, finishing December 26.

Several clubs were not in favour of this and put forward amendments which were defeated. In the second half of the season there will be a combined League and Cup competition but with the important provision that the committee, and not the clubs, make the League fixtures. The original intention was that the clubs should make their own fixtures. The committee will decide on the bases for the games, points, goal-average or percentage. After 10 games the top 32 clubs will qualify for the Cup proper.

The same games may delay the county and local cup competitions and the London clubs are making new arrangements that may prevent their cup tournament. —Reuter.

ILL WINDS FOLLOW CRAIG WOOD

CRAIG WOOD WILL GO down in history as one of the unfortunate golfers unless his luck changes in the next few years. His win in the Masters' tournament at Augusta (Georgia) with a return of 66, 71, 71, 72 for a total of 280 stamps him as a man of front rank but people are apt to forget tournament winners unless they succeed champion-ships.

Open titles have eluded Craig Wood and now that he is on the way to his fortieth birthday he will not find it so easy to repel the advances of younger men.

Craig Wood has had a good share of district and tournament successes and he went to England in 1933 with a more than useful reputation. This he justified by sharing first place in the British Open championship at St. Andrews but he lost the replay to Densmore Shute, a compatriot with a Cornish connection. It is Shute who is chiefly remembered when the 1933 championship is talked about, not the man who, to be beaten in the replay, might just as well not have tied.

Then at home, in 1939, Craig Wood and Byron Nelson finished level for the American Open title but it was Nelson whose name was inscribed on the roll of champions for he won the replay.

Spreadeagled The Field

When Craig Wood teed up for the first round of the Masters' tournament this year one can visualise him saying "there will be no tie this time" and he certainly spreadeagled the field with a first round score of 66. This gave him a five strokes lead and nobody was ever within three strokes of him afterwards. The rest of the field were fighting for the minor prizes while Craig Wood had a stern grip on the major award of £300. Perhaps Craig Wood trembled a little in the second round, and had memories of 1939, for Nelson who had been installed a 7-1 favourite for the tournament, returned 69 then to secure second place, three strokes behind Craig Wood, who took 71. Wood, however, consolidated his position with another 71 in the third round, Nelson dropping back with 73 while Sam Byrd played a sterling 68 to deprive Nelson of second place.

Only once had a better score than 280 won the tournament and Craig Wood's 66 was six strokes below par and is the second best individual score, a similar round having been the course record until Ray Mangrum's 64 of last year.

There were many American "stars" in the field but none added to his reputation. Lawson Little, the reigning American champion, finished eighth with 280. Gene Sarazen and Horton Smith were among the 297's, Jim Farrier (Australia) took 299, M. Pose (Argentina) 299 and Bobby Jones—peerless a few years ago—finished with 307.

Walter Hagen did not finish. His first round cost him 87, his worst round in any tournament, and he did not arrive for the second round. —Reuter.

NEW POLE-VAULT RECORD

Cornelius Warmdam, attended a new world pole-vault record of 16 ft. 4 1/2 in. at Compton, California, yesterday.

Since April, 1940, when he was the first man to clear 15 ft., Warmdam several times exceeded that height.



BOWLS CHAMPIONSHIPS START TO-DAY

The opening game for the Open Pairs Lawn Bowls championships will be played this afternoon when a large number of games are down for decision on both sides of the Harbour.

Several games will probably be postponed owing to volunteer duties.

Following is to-day's programme:—

Open Pairs

At Kowloon Football Club
H. Drew and V. C. Dixon, v. T. A. Madar and A. C. P. Guest; V. Atienza and V. Chittenden v. A. Eastman and W. Simpson.

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At Police Recreation Club
T. R. Hunter and L. Jack v. J. W. Harrop and S. H. Marvin.

At Kowloon Docks
H. White and A. J. Hall v. C. M. Silva and F. X. Soares; J. Noronha and C. G. Silva v. E. Scard and J. E. Henson.

At Hong Kong Football Club
N. J. Bebbington and J. F. McGowan v. M. I. Razack and A. J. Coelho.

At Kowloon Cricket Club
R. T. Broadbridge and N. A. E. Mackay v. A. Steven and J. A. R. Selby.

At Kowloon Bowling Green Club
G. E. F. Thompson and E. V. Searle v. H. F. Shields and C. Hatt; E. A. Atken and J. G. Meyer v. E. Levett and H. Spong.

At Civil Service C.C.
K. W. Forrow and A. G. Grat-tan v. G. Willerton and G. Davies.

SOUTH CHINA BEAT UNIVERSITY

South China Athletic Association beat Hong Kong University Tennis Club by 6 sets to 3 in an "A" Division Tennis League match played at Pokfulam yesterday. —Reuter.

Beat S. B. Ling and Dr. A. L. Tsai 6-1
Beat T. T. Lim and Dr. S. Wong 6-1
Lost to H. P. Ong and G. Choa 1-6
F. N. Wong and Lim Kwan (S.C.A.A.) 6-0
beat Ling and Tsai 6-4
beat Lim and Wong 6-4
lost to Ong and Choa 4-6
J. Hsu and A. Chan (S.C.A.A.) 6-3
beat Ling and Tsai 6-3
lost to Lim and Wong 6-3
beat Ong and Choa 6-3

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THE QUALITY BEER

Baer Nears Retirement As Lou Nova's Chances For Heavy Crown Bright

MAX BAER, FORMER world heavyweight champion and one of the ring's most colourful figures, will certainly not be able to fulfil his boast that he would regain the title within a year.

The time limit he had set himself is up in September and, far from wresting back the crown from Joe Louis, he may now be said to be finished as a championship contender.

It is even possible that Baer may decide to retire from boxing, and that his name will recede into the past like so many champions before him. This melancholy note

is prompted by the severe drubbing he received at the hands of the young Californian, Lou Nova, who had Baer in such a groggy state that the referee, Arthur Donovan, stopped the fight.

Same "Playboy"

It was not the new and serious Max Baer who was seen in action against Nova. When Baer gave up his clowning and intimated that he was deadly serious, it certainly looked as though he meant it. He battered "Two Ton" Tony Galento, and then thrashed Patrick Comiskey into submission in the first round.

But against Nova it was the same old play-acting, taunting "playboy" of the ring. He skipped around the ring with his famous scornful expression on his face, indulged in all his clowning tricks, including standing with his arms akimbo, taunting Nova to "come on and fight."

Following the example of Tommy Loughran, one of the finest boxers of his time, Baer would work way round to his own corner at the end of each round and lazily sink on to his stool with an air of contempt.

Nova Not Impressed

Nova was not impressed by this display, however, and, after surviving an anxious period in the fourth round—the only time we saw a glimpse of the real, vicious Baer—he jabbed Baer silly with well-timed lefts while the crowd of 23,000 roared its approval. In the eighth round a short right to the jaw put Baer down for "nine" and another right cross once again deposited him on the canvas. He was soon up, but was in such a dazed state, with one eye almost closed and his face like pulp, that the referee intervened.

Baer's effort in the fourth round, in which he suddenly lashed out and, with a tiger-like snarl on his face went after Nova with both arms flailing, almost brought him success. Nova, willing in the face of such an onslaught sagged to the canvas when caught by a flurry of blows to the head and body. He rose quickly, however, and fought back strongly to finish the round in good style.

By his performance Nova showed that he is made of championship stuff, especially when he was back to snatch victory from what looked to be defeat. What he lacked in punching power he made up for by his youth and cleverness.

To Meet Louis

It is extremely doubtful, however, whether Nova would fare any better against Louis than the other heavyweights who have tried to wrest the title from the negro. Whatever the result when he squares up to Louis later in the year, probably in September, Nova will have thoroughly earned his chance.

He has shown great courage in overcoming obstacles that have cropped up at a vital time in his career. After the battering he received at the hands of Tony Galento in 1939 it was thought that he was finished with the ring. A mysterious complaint, which took six months to conquer, threw him back a long way.

On his return, a win over Patrick Comiskey, the young Irish-American hope, placed him in line for a title fight again, but his troubles were not over. He had to enter hospital again, this time for the removal of his tonsils. His form against Baer, however, showed that he has suffered no ill-effects.

Another Gene Tunney

Nova, who is 26 and therefore just reaching his peak, has been described as another Gene Tunney or Jim Corbett, with the latter's fine, stand-up style. His manager asserts that he has all that Tunney had, and something he didn't have.

—viciousness and willingness to mix it. It is as a boxer that he shines, however, and he is probably the closest resemblance to Corbett in style that old-timers can remember.

Nova certainly comes from a school of champions. "Spider" Roche, who was responsible for his early boxing schooling in amateur days, passed out such men as Jim Corbett, Fidel La Barba and Fred Apostoli on their way to world championship laurels.

A student of correct diet and a total abstainer, Nova has always been a grand all-round athlete. At high school he starred at football, basketball and track and field athletics, being an expert with the javelin.

Nova has been boxing as a professional for about five years, and he has learned quickly. Some boxers can pick up more useful knowledge in a fight than others can in a dozen. An apt boxing student such as Nova is capable of learning more, of absorbing and utilising more quickly than the average exponent.

Hours of toil in the gymnasium have been taken up in perfecting himself in all phases and his efforts have been rewarded. He has brilliant defence and smart attack, expected in the style of a champion, and his ringcraft and generalship is beyond criticism.

The honour of restoring the heavyweight prestige of the white race could not be in better hands.



TO-DAY'S TENNIS

Following is to-day's Second Division Tennis League programme and some teams:—

C.R.C. v C.S.C.C.
K.C.C. v S.C.A.A.
A.T.C. v K.T.G.C.A.

S.C.A.A.—S. T. Lee and H. C. Wong; W. H. Ho and B. Szeto; W. T. Lee and W. C. Hoh.

C.R.C.—D. C. Luk and T. C. Chan; K. L. Ho and O. L. Pang; S. W. Liang and P. F. Choy.

C.S.C.C.—B. Agafuroff and W. J. Skinner; C. Sloan and J. Hempsey; J. A. Bendall and M. Vatskin.

K.C.C. (from the following):—A. E. P. Guest, and F. Grose; F. Kengelbacher and N. A. E. Mackay; F. Zimmern and D. Hazell.

GREAT FALLS TAKEN BY BIG ABE SIMON IN DETROIT

Niagara really shouldn't disappoint. Victoria Falls on the Zambezi is a sight. Bridal Veil is a beaut. Old vaudeville performers used to speak of Wap-pingers, and Carnera falls came down with a roar.

There are pitfalls, windfalls, landfalls and pinfalls, but none are like that Abe Simon took in the Detroit Olympia ring, recently.

A heavyweight has to be careful about what he does these days. If he isn't, he's likely to be tossed in there with Joe Louis, which is what happened to the mastedonic Simon.

The winter tumbling season had to go on, and Simon became the condemned man when he hung onto and outrode Roscoe Toles in the Motor City in early February. Toles grew very tired carrying 6 feet 4 inches and 255 pounds of Simon around.

This is one of the principal reasons why Simon was made to look simple by Louis in a jiffy. Smoky Joe keenly dislikes any form of manual labour.

It Might As Well Be For 100 Rounds

James Joy Johnston insisted the brawl be for 20 rounds. He at first demanded 100. You see, it really doesn't make any difference. Michigan is one of the few states which permits contests longer than 15 heats, and Jimmy Johnston felt that the novelty of the thing would bolster the ballyhoo.

Simon was fresh from being well pommelled by Big Jim Thompson, Pittsburgh Negro, in Baltimore, so the best way to boost this fight is to talk about everything else.

Johnston, the venerable Boy Bandit, points to the fact that Simon stood up under Toles' punches.

The difference this trip is that when Louis hits 'em they stay hit, as someone once remarked about Bob Fitzsimmons.

So they relate that Simon got that way tossing pickle barrels hither and yon in New York, and tell you that he consumes a basket of clams, three-inch steaks, platters of potatoes, mountainous salads and cups of coffee at a single sitting.

Maybe It Cost Too Much To Feed Simon

John Hay Whitney and Gene Dunney were the original sponsors of Simon, who is out of Richmond Ill; L. I. Johnston, an Ol' Clo'seman of Flitdiana, picked him up when they gave up. It costs more to feed Simon than it does one of Jock Whitney's horses.

There was some criticism of the event at first, but the first 15 rows of the Olympia were sold out at \$5 quicker than Del Baker can say Newsom, and the best trust will play to a capacity crowd of 14,000.

The answer is that the dear people like to see big guys go down in positions like broken scaffolding.

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(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

A relief expedition is en route from Calcutta to the Barisal district to aid victims of the cyclonic flood in the Ganges Delta, in which 5,000 were reported drowned.

First word of the disaster, which occurred on May 25, reached Calcutta on Sunday night.—International News Service.

SHIPPING RESUMES

The steamship service on the Mekong River, suspended since the outbreak of the Thai-French Indo-China border dispute, will be reopened on June 10, it was officially announced in Hanoi yesterday.

Simultaneously a Government-subsidised line between Savannah and Hweisai, on the upper reaches of the Mekong, will be inaugurated.—Reuter.

VICHY NOTE TO LONDON

Reuter learns that the note relating to the events in Syria communicated by the French Ambassador in Madrid to the British Ambassador, Sir Samuel Hoare, has reached London and is under consideration.—Reuter.

Imperious Exigency Of War

AFTER A CONFERENCE between M. Henry Haye, the Vichy Ambassador, and Mr. Cordell Hull, it was learned at the State Department yesterday that the U.S. Government found no evidence to warrant a change in its critical view of Franco-German collaboration.

As regards the British entry into Syria, it was pointed out in informed quarters that the French did not defend Syria against the Germans who are reported to have used it as a base for air operations against the British in Iraq.

The question now arises, according to these sources, as regards the French attitude towards the British.

The Allied entry into Syria was justified by Vichy's determination actively to assist Germany, says the "Washington Post."

The paper says: "If ever Nelson's advice, that the boldest measures are the safest, was applicable it is now. The road to Iran and India lies through Syria, and Britain has no option but to take time by the forelock and get athwart it."

Imperious Exigency

The paper describes Vichy's denials that German ground troops are in Syria as possibly right but disingenuous in view of the number of "tourists" who have already gone in.

From a military standpoint the British and Free French action in Syria is "absolutely justified and corresponded to the imperious exigency of war."

This view was expressed yesterday by Portugal's leading military commentator, Major Alexander de Borais, writing in "O Seculo."

Portuguese Understanding

The facilities granted in Syria to the German Air Force during the campaign against Rashid Ali must be considered the limit of the extent to which Vichy collaboration with the Axis might have been developed in that area.

The Lisbon newspaper "Voz" writes: "It is understandable that Britain cannot allow the Germans to use Syria for vigorous action against Egypt and against the Arab world."—Reuter.

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NO CHANGE IN LIBYA

THERE IS NO CHANGE IN THE SITUATION IN LIBYA AND ALL IS QUIET IN IRAQ, STATED YESTERDAY'S CAIRO G.H.Q. COMMUNIQUE.

In Abyssinia, the British troops are continuing their advance west of the River Omo and further prisoners have been captured.—Reuter.

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Vichy Admits Snags

The Vichy News Agency states that the Allied Forces are advancing into Syria from three directions. Two columns are converging on Damascus through Dera and Safed, and the third is following the coast road to Beirut.

It is admitted that the coast advance has reached the River Litani, north of Tyre.

After referring to French resistance "against the British and de Gaulle Forces" the Agency adds:

"The British forces are, however, markedly superior, especially in armoured equipment. The difficulties of defending the territories of the Levant for an army which has only weak forces at its disposal are pointed out in Vichy."

The Agency continues: "Supplying this army not only with arms and munitions but with food and fuel is practically impossible."—Reuter.

TWO JAPANESE ARRESTED BY G-MEN

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Three men, including two Japanese, have been arrested by the U.S. Federal Bureau of Investigation for conspiracy to violate the Espionage Law.

One of the Japanese claimed to be the chauffeur of Mr. Charles Chaplin for the last 17 years. — International News Service.

VICHY NOTE TO LONDON

Reuter learns that the note relating to the events in Syria communicated by the French Ambassador in Madrid to the British Ambassador, Sir Samuel Hoare, has reached London and is under consideration.—Reuter.

SURVIVORS PICKED UP IN LIFEBOAT

THE TORPEDOING OF AN AMERICAN STEAMER, THE "ROBIN MOOR," BY A GERMAN SUBMARINE IN THE SOUTH ATLANTIC, IS REVEALED IN A REPORT RECEIVED BY THE UNITED STATES NAVY DEPARTMENT LAST NIGHT, PENDING CONFIRMATION OF WHICH THE DEPARTMENT DECLINES TO PUBLISH THE EXACT TEXT OF MESSAGES WHICH WERE INTERCEPTED BY COMMERCIAL COMMUNICATIONS CHANNELS.

News of the torpedoing, first of an American vessel during the present war, originated in a radio message sent by the Brazilian steamer Osorio, which was then relayed by the steamer's flags and again relayed by the s.s. Deer Lodge.

The messages reported that the Osorio had found a lifeboat with survivors clinging to it.

The State Department and the Maritime Commission in Washington say they have no information but the latter, in a statement, declared it was understood that the Robin Moor was owned by the Seas Shipping Company, Incorporated in New York.

The vessel was carrying general cargo, including motor-

cars, steel and other materials, but no war munitions.—Reuter. Though the Robin Moor is not listed in Lloyd's Register, other Robin vessels, owned by the same company, are all of about 6,500 tons register.

FRENCH TANKER SAID SUNK

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

An unconfirmed report received in New York yesterday stated that British warships off Syria have sunk a French tank-

TRAGEDY TURNS TO LUCKY BREAK

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Impending tragedy for 60 tuberculosis patients of the "Shanghai Hospital" has turned into a boom by public response to American doctors' appeals for beds.

Seizure of the hospital's equipment and furniture paradoxically places it on a stronger basis than ever.

City Government representatives threatened to remove the very beds used by the patients, saying they were the property of the Chungking Government, and thus now belonged to them.

The hospital was "flooded with beds" by the public. A hundred have been donated and 50 more promised, and even the Shanghai papers launched a concerted attack on Mayor Chen Kung-po for the "callous" act in seizing the equipment being used to help Chinese tubercular patients in a charitable hospital.

Dr. Lee Hui-zeng, American Superintendent, says that donation of the new equipment and beds places the hospital on a firmer basis. — International News Service.

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HITLER NOT IN A PEACEFUL MOOD

MR. JOHN CUDAHY, former U.S. Ambassador to Belgium, whose newspaper articles on the last days of King Leopold were read all over the world, has just returned to America from Germany, where he had a 30-minute interview with Hitler.

Mr. Cudahy, who saw Hitler as a journalist, reports that Hitler's attitude was most unfriendly. "He gave me the idea he didn't like me at all because I was American."

Germans and Hitler, said Mr. Cudahy, believe America will

come into the war soon. "If the war is not brought to a military conclusion by October, I think we are going to have something like the Thirty Years War."

Hitler, said Mr. Cudahy, did not give an impression that he wanted peace or would negotiate for peace, and also that he strongly regarded the suggestion of an invasion of America as fantastic.

The "New York Post" quotes Mr. Cudahy as saying the Germans have "a great dread of losing the war because of the spectre of Versailles, hence they are determined and united."

Molotov Trip To Tokyo?

Despite the absence of official Soviet confirmation, the Tokyo Nazi organ "Hochi" said today that Mr. Molotov's rumoured visit to Japan this summer is "quite likely."

The paper added such a visit would go far to clearing up outstanding Japanese-Soviet problems and cementing friendly relations.

The paper says that a solution of all such problems would be beneficial not to Japan only but urgent from the Soviet point of view as "the waves of the German-Italian new order in Europe are sweeping rapidly over the Balkans, and especially as Hitler's Near Eastern policy is striving to embrace Iran and Afghanistan."—Reuter.

TURKEY CUTS SYRIA LINES

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")
COMMUNICATIONS BETWEEN TURKEY AND SYRIA HAVE BEEN CUT. IT WAS OFFICIALLY ANNOUNCED IN ANKARA YESTERDAY. — INTERNATIONAL NEWS SERVICE.

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AN ADMIRALTY COMMUNIQUE ISSUED IN LONDON LAST NIGHT ANNOUNCED THE LOSS OF THE ANTI-AIRCRAFT CRUISER CALCUTTA AND THE DESTROYERS HEReward AND IMPERIAL DURING THE EVACUATION FROM CRETE. HEReward WAS LAST SEEN HEADING TOWARDS THE COAST AFTER HAVING BEEN DAMAGED BY ENEMY AIR ATTACK.

The Italian High Command has announced that 229 survivors from this ship have been landed and are prisoners of war.

Imperial had to be sunk by British forces after being damaged by enemy air attack.

The Commander-in-Chief, Mediterranean, has reported that when the evacuation of the forces from Crete was completed, just over 17,000 men had been taken off the island.

Withdrawal of the troops from Crete had to be carried out from places with inadequate port facilities and which were within easy reach of enemy forces.

The necessity for carrying out embarkations by night meant that each load of men had to be taken 360 miles to Egypt during the whole 14 hours of daylight.

These voyages were carried out in the face of extremely heavy enemy air attack.

Royal Marine Rearguard

In the circumstances prevailing it was impossible to assess with accuracy the damage inflicted on enemy aircraft by A.A. fire but it is known many were destroyed and others damaged.

Navy aircraft also shot down four enemy aircraft, probably destroyed one other and damaged three.

During the withdrawal from Suda Bay, Royal Marines formed the rearguard.

These men, who had been carrying out various duties as well as manning A.A. defences, were hastily formed into an infantry brigade under Major-General E. C. Weston, R.M.

Left Behind

THEY FOUGHT WITH GREAT GALLANTRY AND PROVED THEMSELVES WORTHY OF THE HIGHEST TRADITIONS OF THE CORPS. IT IS KNOWN THAT A NUMBER OF THIS BRIGADE HAD TO BE LEFT IN CRETE.

The following message from General Wavell was sent to Major-

General Weston on the night of April 31:—

"You know the heroic effort the Navy has made to rescue you and they will be able to get away most of those who remain but this is the last night the Navy can come.

"Please tell those that have to be left that the fight put up against such odds has won the admiration of us all, and every effort to bring them back is being made.

"General Freyburg has told me how magnificently your Marines have fought and of your own grand work. I have heard also of the heroic fight of young Greek soldiers. I send you all my grateful thanks."—Reuter.

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A MODEL "HOME GUARD". — Mr. A. Berry, a member of the Home Guard, does a bit of spotting from the miniature castle he has constructed at the model village at Beconsfield. The public are admitted to this model village and the proceedings are given to charity. (Copyright, Fox).

SYRIA HAILED BY INDIAN PRESS AS TIMELY ACTION

THE ENTRY OF Free French and Imperial troops into Syria is hailed in all sections of the Indian Press as a timely action. The "Bombay Chronicle" welcomes the move as upsetting Hitler's apple-cart and says that if the persistent reports from Ankara and Jerusalem of German infiltration are not complete inventions, then the British action was not illegal.

The paper adds that the supreme step taken by the British was a grave one because invasion was a decisive proposition of the British in the Middle East.

The "Free Press Journal" applauds the move as a daring attempt to wrest the initiative from German hands and says that the fact Iraq has been purged of the rebel regime and Britain's right of passage through the country is now acknowledged, makes the Allied position stronger and Turkey will feel safer with Allied troops well entrenched in Syria. The journal adds that recent developments in Syria have been

an open violation of the most solemn undertakings. Admiral Darlan's amazing anti-British outbursts bear evidence of chagrin at the manner in which Vichy tactics have been exposed.

Deluded Vichy

Visions

"Vichy did not hesitate to sacrifice France's honour for certain unrevealed concessions in the Armistice terms and its deluded visions of future peace.

"The prevention of Syria becoming an effective base of operations to Germany is a military necessity from the Allied point of view."

The paper adds that it is some relief to Britain that in the task of protecting the Empire of France from Nazi clutches, Free France has been able to take the initiative.

The "Times of India" says that if any criticism can be made it is Britain's forbearance and delayed action, which might well have been taken earlier, and adds

NO VICHY DECLARATION OF WAR

Satisfaction is expressed in official circles in London at the nature of the Vichy Government's protest which was handed to Sir Samuel Hoare in Madrid, complaining of the violation of Syria by the British forces.

The text of the protest has not yet reached London but it is interesting to note that it is not a declaration of war. — Reuter.

FOOCHOW RING TIGHTENED

TIGHTENING THEIR RING AROUND FOOCHOW, CHINESE FORCES ARE RAPIDLY CONVERGING ON THE CITY FROM DIFFERENT DIRECTIONS, WITH THE FORWARD UNITS FAST APPROACHING THE OUTSKIRTS.

Under Chinese pressure, the Japanese on the left bank of the Min River have been forced to retreat to the Tungchow-Shangliap-Kuanki line west of Foochow.

Chinese troops advancing eastward fought the Japanese in serious battles in the hilly regions of Kuanyuanli during the past few days resulting in over 1,000 casualties. Yesterday, Chinese pursuit columns, assisted by local militia, again engaged the Japanese in severe fighting and inflicted another 500 casualties. — Central News.

CHINA'S FOREIGN RELATIONS

At the joint Weekly Memorial Service this morning, Dr. Wang Chung-hui, Minister of Foreign Affairs, reported on China's foreign relations since the start of the war of resistance.

Dr. Wang dwelt on China's foreign policy, Japanese diplomatic moves, and the international sympathy and support for China during the past four years. He spoke for over half an hour. — Central News.

that Britain cannot afford a repetition of the Cyrenaica and Crete reverses.

Saying the United States welcome the British move more enthusiastically than Turkey, the paper declares that in redeeming France's old pledge to Syria, the Free France of General de Gaulle may well triumphantly emerge strengthened for the many difficult tasks which lie ahead.

A Critical Decision

The "Tribune" in Lahore says that France has no right to complain against the British action because for present developments she has to thank the cowardly leaders of Vichy for rendering substantial help to the Nazis.

The "Hindu" in Madras says that the Allied thrust into Syria is one of those critical decisions which have a profound influence on the course of the war for good or evil. Of the righteousness of the decision itself, there can be no two opinions. — Reuter.

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ROOSEVELT BREAKS AIR WORKERS' STRIKE

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PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT HAS ORDERED THE U.S. ARMY TO TAKE OVER THE NORTH AMERICAN AIRCRAFT FACTORY WHERE A MAJOR STRIKE HAS HELD UP PRODUCTION FOR WEEKS, STATED THE PRESIDENT'S SECRETARY, MR. STEPHEN EARLY, IN WASHINGTON YESTERDAY.

This is the first time Government has taken such definite action to handle a strike instead of relying upon appeals.

From Los Angeles it was reported that tear-gas bombs were used to break picket lines outside the factory yesterday. The pickets retreated but soon returned and reformed their lines.

Meanwhile, however, the police had formed two other lines through which workers could reach the factory gates.

A Company official later declared: "The situation is very tense."

The order to take possession of the plant was telephoned from President Roosevelt's study in the White House to Lieutenant-Colonel Branshaw, commanding troops in the vicinity of the factory.

Factory Occupied

Mr. Early said Colonel Branshaw had expressed the opinion that it was necessary to use arms because the situation was beyond the control of the Los Angeles Police.

Disorders ceased as the troops arrived and occupied the factory quietly and smoothly, after which Colonel Branshaw declared the factory open and offered employees protection.

Two marching columns arrived to augment a convoy of 50 trucks which brought the first detachment of troops to the factory.

Three thousand troops with bayonets fixed and carrying machine-guns took over the factory.

Strikers and pickets gradually yielded but one who refused to move was bayoneted and taken to hospital.

Production Normal —Again

President Roosevelt's order to the army stipulated that the possession operation be terminated by the President "as soon as he determines that the plant can be privately operated in a manner consistent with the needs of national defence."

The War Secretary, Mr. Henry Stimson, is authorised to employ workmen and will handle the question of compensation for the company.

Production at the factory is expected to be practically normal to-day.

War Secretary Stimson yesterday published a telegram from Lieutenant-Colonel Branshaw.

It reads as follows: "Strike broken, gates open, employees

BURMA'S DEFENCES IN ORDER

CONCLUDING A FOUR-DAY INSPECTION OF BURMA, AIR CHIEF MARSHAL SIR ROBERT BROOKE-POPHAM EXPRESSED SATISFACTION AT THE ARMY'S EXPANSION IN ALL DIRECTIONS SINCE HIS LAST VISIT AND OF THE CONTINUOUS SUPPLY OF THE MOST MODERN EQUIPMENT REACHING BURMA.

The Commander-in-Chief conferred with His Excellency the Governor, Defence Counsellors and the Premier.

In the sphere of air defence, Sir Robert, impressed by the construction of new aerodromes, told Reuter that every day must show some progress in the work of perfecting the country's war organisation and defence against aggression. — Reuter.

APPEAL BY WHITE HOUSE TO WORKERS

PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT, in a statement concerning the strike at the North American Aviation Factory, said yesterday in Washington: "The situation is seriously detrimental to the defence of the United States."

"Because of this I, as President and Commander-in-Chief of the armed forces, am determined that the plant shall be reopened. It must be reopened at once."

The statement traces the course of the dispute and says: "Mediation has been interrupted by a violation of the agreement entered into by the workers' bargaining representatives that production should continue during the course of mediation."

"The waste of production which thus resulted created a situation seriously detrimental to the defence of the United States."

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Country In Danger

After explaining that he had directed the Army to take charge until normal production is resumed, President Roosevelt continued: "Our country is in danger. Men and women now making aeroplanes play an indispensable part in its defence. I call upon the workers to return to their jobs."

Concluding, President Roosevelt promised workers protection in their fundamental rights as citizens and said that negotiations will be conducted to reach a fair settlement, which will be retrospective. — Reuter.

streaming in in satisfactory conditions." — Reuter.

2,000 Back At Work

President Roosevelt is "delighted" with Colonel Branshaw's news of the situation, said Mr. Stephen Early.

Col. Branshaw reported that 2,000 members of the day shift, or nearly half the shift, have resumed work, and he expected production to be practically normal by to-day. — Reuter.

Fighting Breaks Out

FIGHTING BETWEEN PICKETS AND WORKERS BROKE OUT LATE YESTERDAY AT THE NORTH AMERICAN AVIATION CORPORATION FACTORY IN LOS ANGELES. TROOPS BROKE UP THE FIGHTING AND ARRESTED 15 STRIKERS. — REUTER.

A LIFT IN THE DESERT

The Royal Air Force tender speeds along the straight new road over the Desert. On all sides, as far as the horizon, stretches a wilderness of sand and hummocks of limestone, relieved here and there by patches of camel thorn. In one direction, refreshing to the eye, sparkles a phantom lake that only a mirage could create in that arid waste.

A speck appears on the road, and as the car nears, resolves itself into a Bedouin. No popular novelist's hero this, with hawk-like countenance and flashing eyes, such as fascinated the maiden readers of "The Sheikh's Bride." Still, a genuine child of the desert. Perhaps he has never seen a motor-car before; thinks the driver, as he slows down.

The Arab cranes eagerly forward. He extends the right arm, forearm upright, and, with closed fist and pointing thumb oscillating gently in the direction in which the car is travelling.

The hitch-hiker's signal has come to the desert.

RECORD OF A ROYAL GAME

When the King and Queen recently visited an R.A.F. fighter station in the East of England Her Majesty was intrigued by the game of "above halfpenny," a popular pastime in every officers' mess. She asked to be initiated into the game, and a young Flying Officer, incidentally one of the station's "aces" at the sport, became her opponent.

Now this particular station number among its most prized possessions a miniature "above halfpenny" board, made by an airman on which an inscription recording the fact of Her Majesty's game is surrounded by the five halfpennies she used in playing it. The miniature board has been presented to the Station Wing Commander, and to-day is proudly displayed to every visitor.

VICHY TO APPEAL FOR NAZI HELP?

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL") The Zurich press yesterday predicted a virtual alliance between Germany and France as result of the British push into Syria.

"France is now expected to join Germany in the closest relations, militarily and diplomatically, regardless of Britain and the United States," says one paper, speculating whether Vichy will appeal to the Nazis to send direct military aid to the French forces in Syria. — International News Service.

STRIKERS' DEMANDS REFUSED

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

While the strike of P.W.D. coolies in Shanghai continues, negotiations are under way between officials and the coolies who are demanding reinstatement of the dismissed foreman, which so far has been refused. — International News Service.

ANOTHER DEFENCE WALK-OUT

A strike was called yesterday by the Die-Casters' Union at the vast Aluminium Company of America in Cleveland, which produces parts for warplanes.

The works employs 7,000 hands who are members of the Union, and the factory spokesman said not one of the afternoon shift entered the factory.

The Union seeks higher wages. Its demands were referred to the National Defence Mediation Board in Washington last week but the Union spokesman said the negotiations were "getting nowhere." Pickets were out yesterday afternoon. — Reuter.

PRIVATE AUDITION

The Canadian leader of an R.A.F. Spitfire Squadron, recently made a broadcast to Canada. It was repeated four times in various programmes, but his mother in Winnipeg always seemed to miss hearing his talk about his adventures in the Royal Air Force.

A friend of the family told an official of the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation of the mother's disappointment. The next day an official drove round to her home with a record of her son's talk. Then the record was played several times while she listened.

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When Westminster Hospital held a gas test the decontamination squads were tested for their efficiency. Here are squad members busy spraying "gas casualties" during the mock gas raid. (Copyright, Fox).

POPULACE LEAVING ALEXANDRIA

Women and even small babies are riding on the roof-tops of trains, so great is the pressure of the Arab population to leave Alexandria as a result of the air raids.

Special arrangements have had to be taken at the railway station to cope with the exodus which is providing an amazing sight.

All entrances to the main station are now closed and guarded by soldiers, only being opened at specified times. Trains leave continuously, piled high, and are given a rousing send-off by crowds awaiting the next train.

Some 40,000 left by train on Sunday and a high railway official expressed the opinion that there would be at least two or three times that number leaving Alexandria in the next two days. The city itself remains calm and orderly.—Reuter.

BRITISH MOVE FIRST—FOR A CHANGE

The British invasion of Syria was the first time Britain has taken the initiative in the war against Germany, declared the "Sao Tang Pao," Chinese army organ in Chungking, yesterday, adding that it was therefore assumed that Britain must have been fully prepared for any possible developments.

The paper stated: "The Suez Canal is the British sea route which was the cause of the recent fighting in Iraq and now Syria."

"The fighting in Syria lifts the curtain of a major battle in the Middle East and Near East."

"Germany's role in the fighting will be determined by the degree of Franco-German collaboration and also Vichy's policy regarding the French Colonies." —Reuter.

GRAND COULEE DAM AT WORK

Grand Coulee, the biggest dam in the world, which cost £40,000,000 to build and forms a barrier three-quarters of a mile long and 550ft high on the Columbia River, 100 miles north-west of Spokane, went into action recently when it started to generate electricity which will eventually provide the entire Pacific North-West with power.

Completed in less than eight years, the huge structure, the base of which covers 35 acres, is three times larger than the largest Egyptian pyramid.

SYRIA ENCOURAGES STOCK MARKET

The London Stock Exchange yesterday was mainly firm, sentiment being encouraged by the Syrian development. Gilt-edged securities, especially Indians, rose generally on fair demand. Industrials were steady apart from a slight easing of stores and tobacco. Oils were quiet, except Burma and Anglo-Iranian, which were slightly higher. Kaffirs were firm, especially non-producers, which met with persistent demand. Westholds were quoted at 73s. 9d against 76s. 6d. Japanese Bonds advanced up to a point. Wall Street was firm. — Reuter.

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'FRISCO LESSONS HELPING LONDON

Lessons learned by San Francisco in rebuilding after the earthquake and fire of 1906 have been passed to British officials studying the problems of bomb-wracked London.

Mayor Angelo J. Rossi told the American State Department how the city was restored from ruin

and chaos in response to a request from W. G. Jackson of the London County Council.

The effort of rebuilding a city as nearly fireproof as was then possible was stressed in Mayor Rossi's report. He told how experts went through the debris, giving free advice to those who had started to rebuild while the city still was smoking.

Foremost in fire protection, Mayor Rossi reported, is a \$5,718,000 high-pressure auxiliary water supply system to protect the eight square miles comprising the most congested part of the present city.

This system includes two reservoirs of 1,250,000 gallons total capacity on eminences of the city, which ordinarily are filled from a still higher reservoir but which, in emergency, can be supplied with salt water from the Pacific.

Breakage of mains by the earthquake was one cause of the rapid spread of the fire that followed. The present system is designed, Mayor Rossi reported, so there will be a minimum chance of breakage in the mains.

Under each of 135 downtown street intersections is a 75,000-gallon cistern filled with water. Even though the mains might break or the system otherwise fail, the congested district still would have water to fight flames.

WHEN AN AIRMAN IS "CHEESED"

As the R.A.F. expands so does its vocabulary. Here are some more phrases for the collector of unusual idioms.

If you are so unfortunate as to be crossed in love or to receive a severe reprimand from a senior officer, then the proper way to describe your state is to say that "you have been shot down in flames."

When the experts who forecast the weather report "Future outlook unsettled" the pilots prefer to call the outlook simply "Ropey."

If you have some inside information then you call it the "Real Gen." If the news is still more exclusive then it is the "Pukka Gen."

The origin of the word "Gen" is doubtful. It may be short for "genius," it may come from "genuine" or alternatively, from "general information."

People who obstruct you are called "a bind" and from this comes the verb "to bind."

There are three degrees of dejection. The first is the stage of being "browned off," the second of being "brassed off," and the third, which means that there is no hope for you, of being "completely cheesed."

A beginner in any job is called "an Erk," a contraction of "aircraftman."

THEY MUST FIRE-WATCH

Fire-watching is to be made compulsory in many parts of Kent and Sussex because there are not sufficient volunteers to do the job properly.

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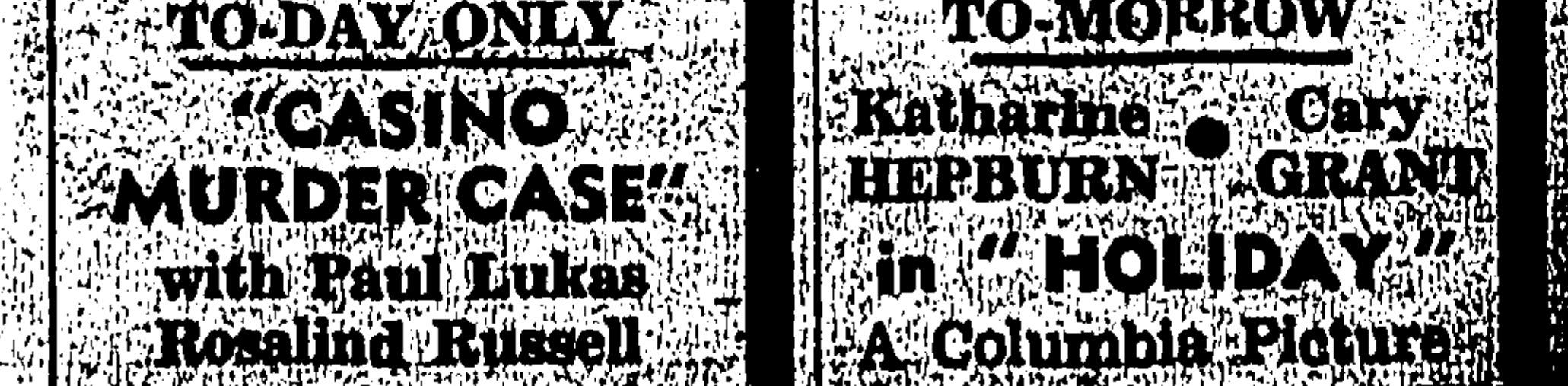
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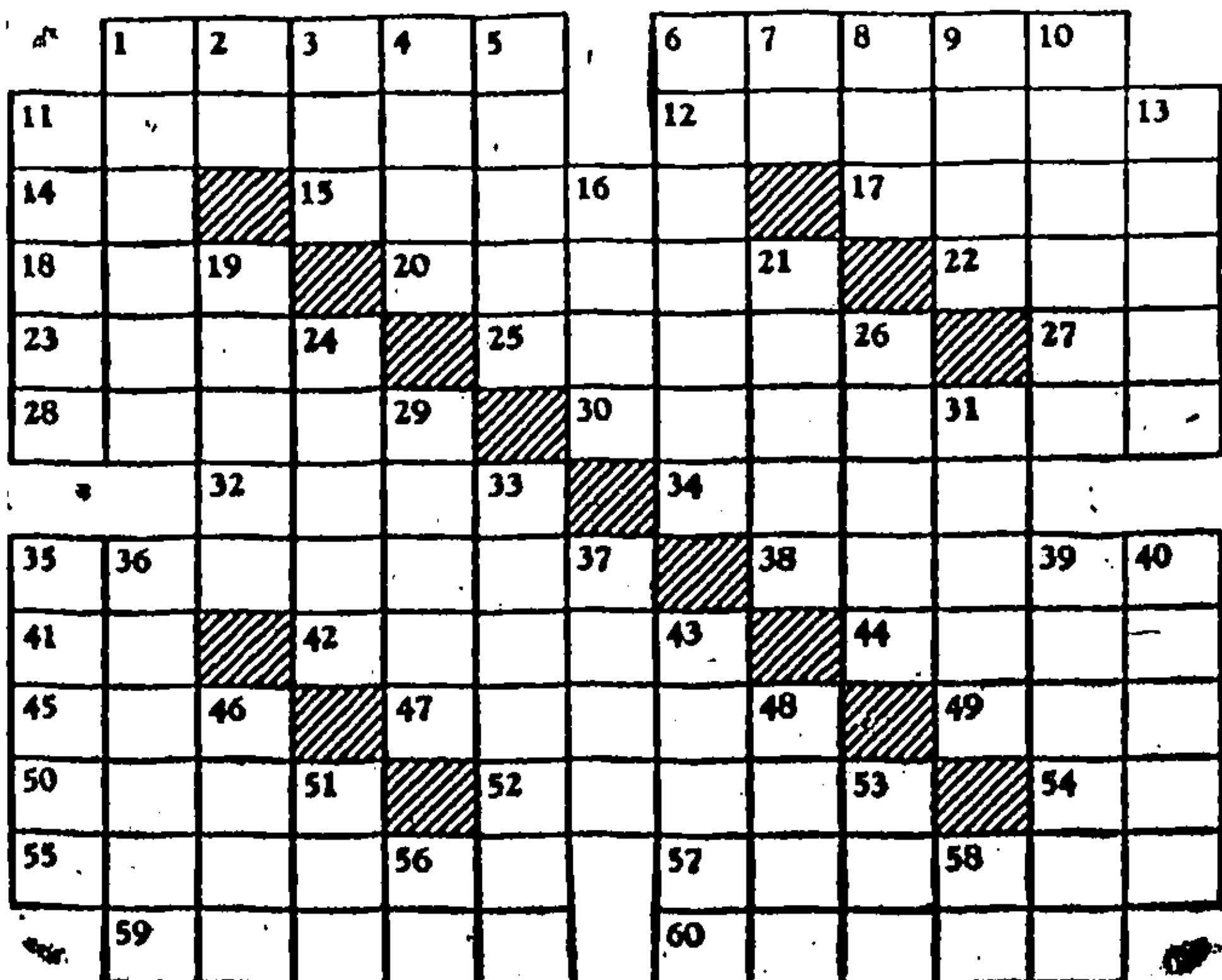
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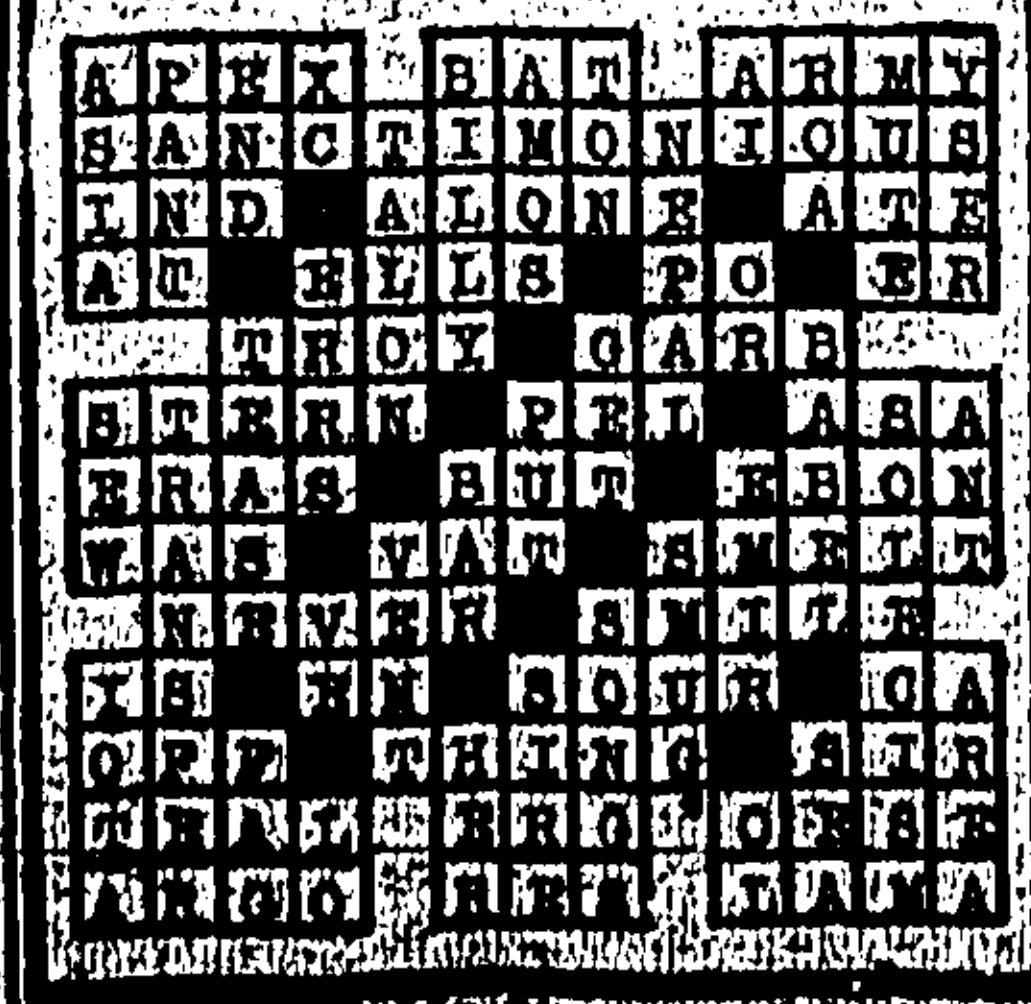
HORIZONTAL

- 1 Plunders
- 6 Strip of leather
- 11 To excuse
- 12 A cause of bad luck (coll.)
- 14 By
- 15 To ascend
- 17 Weblike membrane
- 18 Bashful
- 20 To relieve
- 22 Title of respect
- 23 Ancient clan
- 25 Surgical thread
- 27 Symbol for tellurium
- 28 Mistake
- 30 Made a new version of
- 32 God of love
- 34 Torn
- 35 Faces
- 36 Burns
- 41 Upon
- 42 At no time
- 44 Narrow opening
- 45 Legendary king of Britain
- 47 Network
- 49 City name

VERTICAL

- 1 Soap foam
- 2 Conjunction
- 3 Room in a harem
- 4 Craggy hills
- 5 Cuts
- 6 Protection
- 7 Toward
- 8 To decay
- 9 Fruit drinks
- 10 Mannerly
- 11 Antiquated
- 13 Rowed
- 16 Prophet
- 18 City in Belgium
- 21 Adores
- 24 Gateway of a Buddhist temple
- 26 Baseball teams
- 29 Man's name
- 31 Hackneyed
- 33 LXX
- 35 Veil of gauze
- 36 Hardens
- 37 Bristle
- 39 Lyric poem
- 40 Bedate
- 43 Changes
- 46 To sup
- 48 Solat; disc
- 51 To weaken
- 53 Archlike
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Reflections From A Newsmen's Jottings

(By Kenneth Downs, I.N.S. Correspondent)

THE DEMARCATION LINE between occupied and unoccupied France is now as tightly guarded as a frontier between hostile countries. Troops of cavalry, bicycle patrols, snipers with telescope sights, dogs, barbed wire entanglement and land mines are slowing down the "underground railway."

Many have been killed trying to get through lately; still more have been arrested. Not even foreign diplomats are allowed to go back and forth now, except in very special cases. Legations in Paris can only send couriers out about once a month.

Why, because, it appears, a sustained campaign is now under way to inflame the two regions against each other. The Paris Press, and radio, completely German-controlled, daily denounce the men of Vichy and the people of the unoccupied region, who are pictured as living in sinful luxury while occupied France suffers.

Ill-Feeling Begins To Show

The continual intimation is that if Vichy were ready to "collaborate" all the way, all France would be better off. Despite the steady hammering of this propaganda, results have not been marked yet, although some ill-feeling now begins to show.

There is something indescribably sickening about this deliberate, heavyfooted effort to instill hate. But you find it on all sides in Paris. It strikes you more than the general deadness of the city, or the incongruity of hearing German and seeing Germans everywhere. I find it throughout the notes I jotted down while there. First metro ride... twelve Germans in car, all standing... Germaine says they always stand as long as any woman is not seated. Says this impresses Paris women, even against their will. It's the little things that count... must admit most of them look good. Fit. Tough. Many look like Americans. Unusually handsome major with decorations... private who looks like Bruno Richard Hauptmann... Paul had same idea, grinned, "Eighty Million Hauptmanns."

Awful Station Posters

The awful posters at every station. Some picture horrible caricatures of Jews, Freemasons, clutching bags of loot with glaring captions: "Enough! Enough!" others with same hate motives advertising "The Fire," presumably new French Fascist organisation to burn up Jews, traitors and grafters, inviting contributions... other green posters advertising jobs for French metallurgists in Germany:

"Do you want to remain unemployed and starve or... come to Germany where you will be treated as one of a family... same pay as German workman... vacations in France... you can send home 1,600 to 2,400 francs per month." Confirmed story of Paris policeman... was roughly shoved for not walking between rails at intersection. In quick reflex turned and struck Nazi soldier. Next morning posters announced his execution. Minor demonstrations. It's quick death for anyone striking a soldier.

Press Violently Anti-British

Press hammering away at Huchette's again to-day... astonishing hate campaign... safe bet company won't last long under that sort of bludgeoning. Probably should have sold out to Germans in first place... news of Indo-China surrender played up as triumph of peace policy, blow against England. Instead of beginning of disintegration French Empire... Henri Haye gets big play with his indignant blast from Washington, "It's crime France should have to beg her bread."

Paris press almost uniformly hammers daily against England... people here have no idea what's going on at home... at Louisa Bar caused

sensations when told them little first hand news from America... They call the Germans "potato bugs" and "Fritz," but not too loud. Twenty-franc fine if overheard... Francoise says the young Bucks were tres correct at first, but getting a little more forward now... "they don't hesitate to accost you now, 'ahn moment, Fraulein, take you by arm'"... much social disease in hospitals.

These Nazi girls won't win any beauty prizes... Parisiennes laugh at them in their gray uniforms, un-madeup faces, sidewalk cafe crowded as usual... ranks parading by somewhat diminished, but few old familiar faces... could have fired rifle down Champs-Elysee this noon without hitting a car... Absence traffic makes city seem even more grave-like... Big-domed new, charcoal-gas autobuses... Can't get in Crillon, Ritz, other big hotels... horse carriages, but very expensive... everybody travels by metro or bike.

Food excellent at Francis... You can get what you want if you can pay for it... That company of troops drilling in vacant lot at Passy... They look good... Pierre says they work like this all the time all over town... no loafing, keep fit.

Bereaved Mother

Sad visit Mrs. T... one son killed in action, other in German prison camp... all alone, heatless flat.

Same red-headed singer in that Champs-Elysees Boite... only she's singing coyly, cutely, songs in German where a year ago she was singing coyly, cutely, songs in English... Usual collection in place... Few German soldiers, well-behaved, sitting with French girls... Crowd civilians noisy, annoying... left early for fear incident and need show papers.

Everybody scuttles in order avoid being caught on streets after midnight curfew. When see have stayed too late, only thing to do is remain until daylight in nightclub, the bill comes high, that way.

Patronise Maxim's if you want special consideration. You get butter, and everything else there without tickets. If you are a regular customer, you can get a special pass to circulate the streets after hours for "urgent professional reasons." Mostly Germans, there and a few wealthy sycophants. Paris in the spring in 1941; is a place you are not reluctant to leave.

CZECHS LONG TO HEAR WHISTLE OF BOMBS

"Increasing sabotage in factories and among traffic in occupied territories is giving the Nazis a considerable headache," declares Herr Otto Zausmer, a former leading Austrian newspaper editor, in an article in the U.S. newspaper "Boston Globe."

"The Czech people," he says, "are longing for the sweetest sounds they could hear... the strictly forbidden foreign broadcasts, the howling of air raid sirens, the whistling of bombs and the thunder of explosions in the armament factories. Even though their lives and properties were destroyed they would welcome the day... Reau-

BIBLE EXPERT TO DIE

Ludwig Curnack, chairman of the International Bible Society in Germany, has been sentenced to death by a Dresden tribunal.

At the same time the tribunal imposed hard labour sentences on other members of the society, cables a "Sunday Express" correspondent on the German frontier.

Curnack and his colleagues had been explaining the Bible in a pacifist sense.

Justifying the sentences the tribunal said that their activities endangered the social and national welfare of the German people and hampered the war effort.

PARALYSED, HE SAVED HIS MEN

An R.A.F. pilot, his legs paralysed by bullets in his back, crawled along the fuselage of his spinning plane to warn observer and air gunner to jump for their lives.

That heroic deed was revealed by the observer, freed from an Italian prison camp when our troops entered Adi Ugri, Abyssinia. "We were raiding Burye," he said. "An Italian fighter got behind us and put in a burst which cut our inter-communication and sent our plane into a spin."

"Soon afterwards the head of our pilot appeared in the rear gunner's cockpit. 'Jump,' he shouted, and disappeared. We jumped and landed unhurt."

"I found out that the Italian's bullets had hit our pilot in the back."

"His first thought was for our safety. Helpless below the waist, he managed to pull himself out of the cockpit of a violently spinning machine and climb along the fuselage to the tail to give us warning."

"He managed to pull his own ripcord and was picked up by the Italians and taken to a hospital at Addis Ababa."

CONSCRIPT DANCE IS U.S. CRAZE

Thousands of American jitterbugs have gone raving mad over a new dance called "Doing the Draft-away," which celebrates the conscription law.

When the dance starts the boy is "conscripted." This calls for the couple to take four long strides across the floor.

He learns to march. Facing each other they mark time. He awakes to the sound of a bugle. Back to back still marking time, they pantomime a bugler. The climax comes with the boy on leave and the couple going crazy on the dance floor of the city.

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POLITICAL SHIBBOLETHS

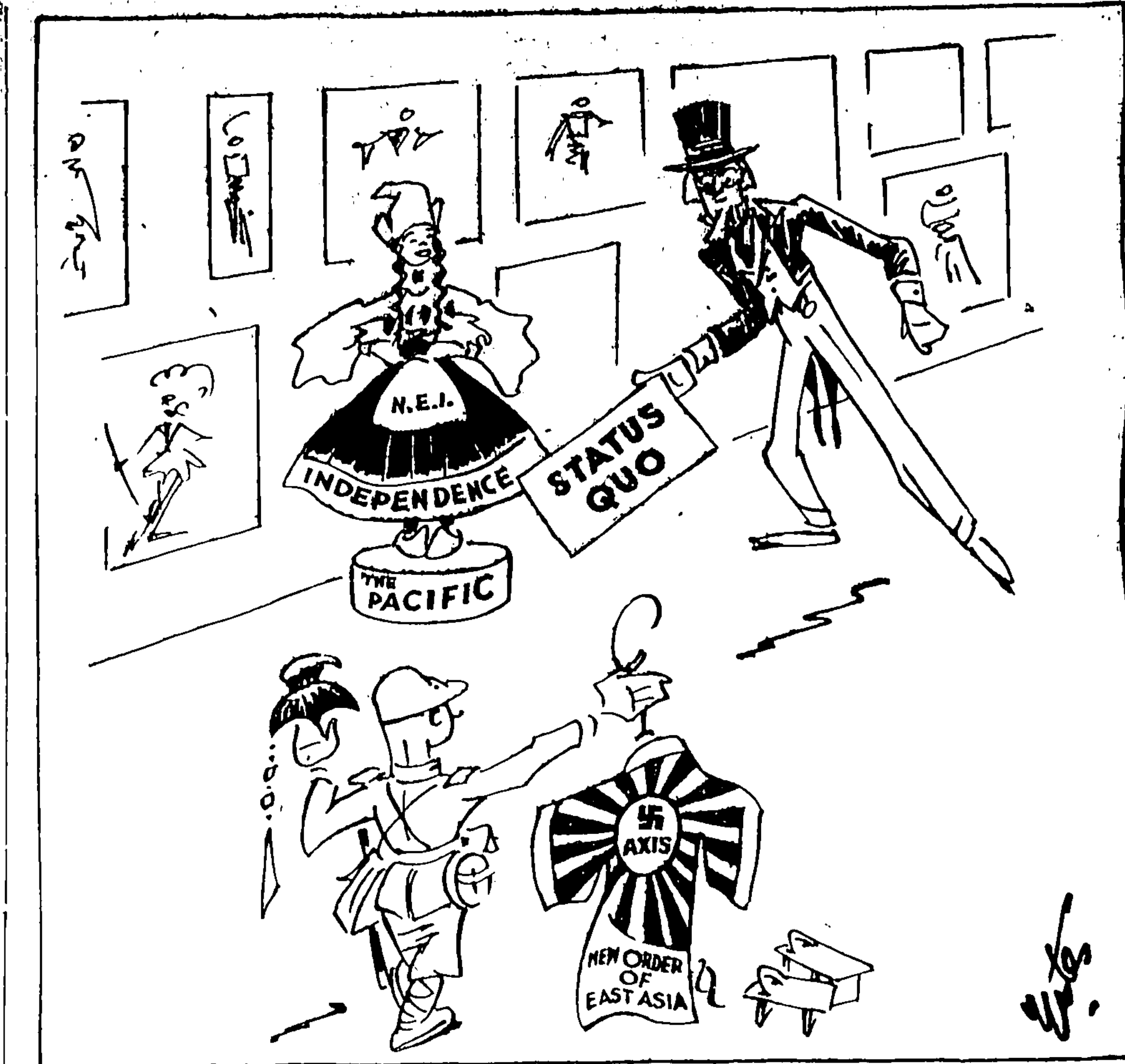
The war has already lasted long enough to produce in Great Britain some profound changes of thought about politics. Much that seemed all-important before the war has dwindled into comparative insignificance. Values are altered; conventional party catch-words drop into disuse; glib generalisations yield to the necessity of action. Words which once set parties to quarrelling have ceased to charm or to antagonise.

One such word is "socialism." The war has robbed the word of both its fascination and its terrors. A war Government has rushed through a "social revolution" at a quicker pace than had been dreamed of by the Socialist Sir Stafford Cripps in his most revolutionary moments. In every sphere of social life Conservative ministers, not less eagerly than Socialist, by a wave of the departmental wand, have taken drastic measures that once would have been condemned as "socialist."

This is no argument for or against the socialist method. This wartime experience simply shows that socialism is not an end-all or be-all in itself, but is simply a method of getting things done. It has shown that it is the things done that matter, the method being Socialist or otherwise according to the time and the circumstances—often the only method in wartime, whereas it may be one of two alternative methods in peacetime.

Undoubtedly when the war is over the strong hand of the State will relax its pressure, and private enterprise will resume its activity. But the perspective will have altered. British Socialists can never again believe that mere Socialism will bring the millennium; Conservatives, on the other hand, now converted to the idea of national planning, will never have the old dread of State control in all circumstances.

Both sides have discovered that privilege must be modified, whether it is the special privilege of the capitalist or the trade unionist. Social welfare can be the only criterion of successful policy. The stock of the word "democracy" has gone up in proportion as that of the word "socialism" has gone down, "democracy" meaning not only rule "by the



MANNEQUIN: "FORCE MAJEURE."

Everyone Should Read It....

Mr. John Masefield, O.M., is the Poet Laureate. He is the author of poems and plays and several fascinating romances and tales both in prose and verse. His slim volume called "The Nine Days Wonder" was compiled from talks with many officers, sailors and airmen, and from various records in the Ministries about the rescue of the British Army from Dunkirk.

My heart swells when I try to write a short review of this little book telling of the rescue of our army from the Dunkirk beaches. It is a tale told with the utmost simplicity, and there is not a line of rhetoric, but it profoundly moves the spirit.

Everyone in Great Britain and in America should read it; every European who is counting on Britain's fortitude and valour in the present struggle should clamour for a translation into their own tongue. For it is a great story, and told by a poet, a romance-writer and a passionate lover of the sea, its ships and seamen—John Masefield, the Poet Laureate. I fancy that what has enabled him to tell the tale of the rescue of more than 300,000 men from Dunkirk with such stark restraint, is that he has unpacked his heart in one poem at the end of his preface and four at the end of his narrative. I do not class them as the greatest poetry, but I do admit that, with the marvellous story still in my mind, I cannot even now read some of the lines without hot tears.

Appalling Operations

The book calls "May 26th to June 3rd 1940" the "Nine Days Wonder" for in that time 316,863 soldiers were rescued from the beaches of Dunkirk, 123,095 of them being French. Masefield describes the appalling nature of the operation; the difficulty of finding and sending shipping "forty-odd miles, to embark over three hundred thousand men, within a fortnight, from one beach and one jetty and bring them back the forty-odd miles," those miles continually attacked from the air; there was great danger from magnetic mines, floating mines and moored mines; there

people" but "in the interests of the people." In this sense of the term it is democracy rather than socialism which will present the political challenge of the future.

was the added risk of attack from submarines and motor-torpedo boats.

He goes on to say: "These were some of the complications which war gave to the problem. The greatest complications were the war itself. No man knew what the situation would be within the next few days and each of the then allies wanted different things at once."

The British were wanted on the Belgian right flank, and on the French right flank and — "we wanted them to fall back quickly

By Edith Lyttelton

to end the very dangerous situation in which they stood; but both being on their native soil, wished to stay where they were."

He continues: "When the operative Dynamo began, it was thought that only a few thousand could be saved." All through the nine days our aeroplanes and their young pilots fought back the German bombers over and over again. On land the rearguard action so heroically fought had staved off the disaster so that at one moment there seemed to be a hope that the whole B.E.F. might be saved. "But on the fifth day, when special effort was being made to lift the rearguard... the whole arrangement was cancelled so that the French might be brought to England instead."

Thoughtful French

"The French soldiers took longer to embark than ours; they never liked to embark save as complete units," said one observer, and it is good to record the remark of another: "They were extraordinarily thoughtful, often we could not get them to share our rations, as they thought that we were short of food." Ah — read the whole story — it only covers 65 pages of a small book; read of the air battles. The enemy "had the might; no doubt of that, he had the target of his dreams, and the prize of a century." Read of a flight of three bombers taking on fifty-seventy-five of the German bombers; how one British pilot met a formation of forty to fifty, attacked them single-handed and split them up. It is right that these feats should be recorded,

for at the time some waiting on the Beaches must have asked each other why they did not see any of our aeroplanes. They did not realise then how much of their final escape was owing to the way the German bombers were kept back. Then read of the destroyers, the steamships, the mine-sweepers, the drifters, the merchant vessels — read of them all crowding into the channel, steaming, sailing, rowing all day and all night.

"Most of the embarkations had to be done by small ships, because only these could lie near the shore or enter the channel at low water. All ships coming near to the coast were bombed. A bomb bursting near a small ship always disarranged or broke some of her gear... The losses in men were very great; in ships severe, and in boats enormous. Those ordering this adventure in Dover had daily to replace men and repair or replace ships; for probably no ship returned from the beach undamaged. The minds which improvised this service had to be prepared for great losses... Nothing but enormous, heroic industry and utter self-sacrifice kept the ships steadily plying to and fro... They needed an incredible number of rafts, ladders, brows, lifebuoys and grasslines... Many thousands of the men brought were wounded. These had to have instant attention and special removal. Hundreds of the dead had to be landed to be buried."

Courage God-Like

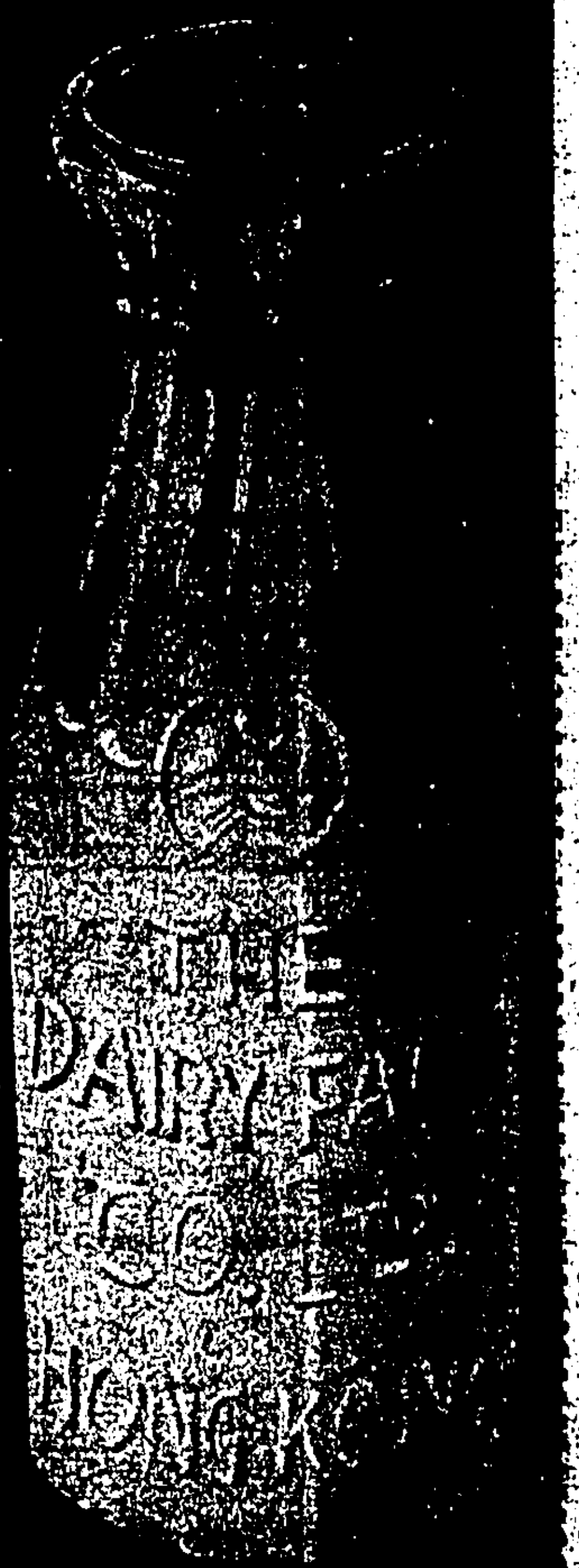
Read, too, of the individual efforts. Mr. Smith, in a motor boat with a crew of two who had never been to sea before, ferried about 800 men to two Dutch skoots. Commander Clouston, R.N., who lost his life "after doing noble service on the jetty at Dunkirk" under fearful conditions of strain and danger. Read of Coulthard and Evans, who plugged a hole in their ship with all the bolts they could find. When the leak was checked, Mr. Evans stood up to the neck in water, holding open a blast valve while Mr. Coulthard kept the pumps going.

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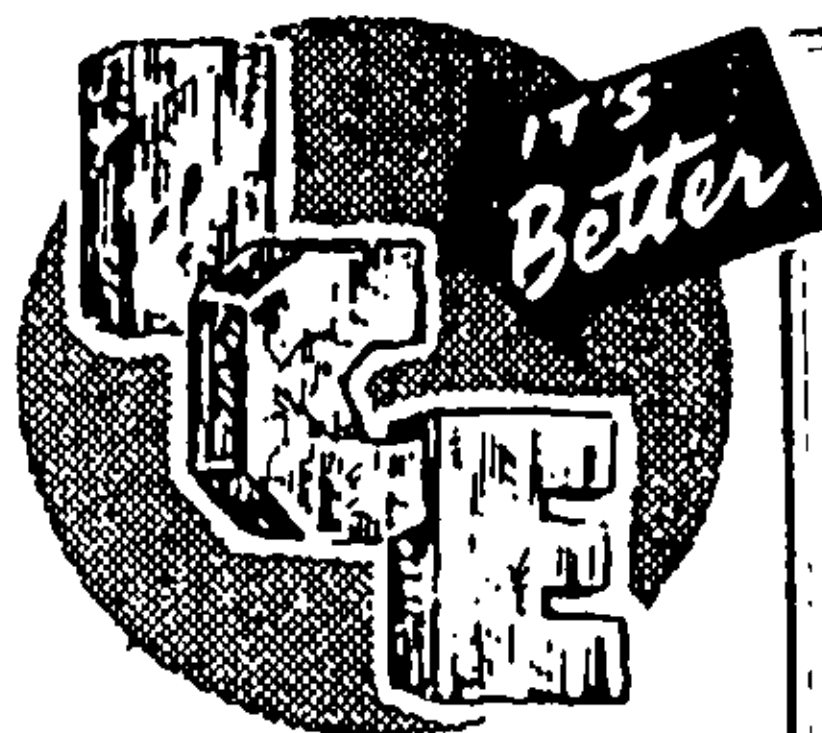
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NAZI COLUMN ANNIHILATED IN VILLAGE AMBUSH

A BEARDED man limped into the London offices of the "Sunday Chronicle" recently and asked to see the Editor.

He was a Pole who had just arrived in England after a desperate escape from Nazi-ridden Poland by a secret route through German-occupied territories.

He brought a grim story of how a militarily vanquished but spiritually unconquered nation is fighting back against barbaric oppressors.

"Just before I left several weeks ago," he said, "I saw a guerilla band ambush and slaughter a German transport unit near a village in the South-West of the 'General Government'."

"When the Nazis heard of the transport's fate they rushed a regiment of infantry to the scene of the ambush. They shot every man on the spot, no matter what his age."

"Then they set fire to all houses in the district and turned machine-guns on women and children as they tried to get out."

"Only three women escaped out of the whole population—and they considered themselves unlucky."

"This was no unusual occurrence," continued the Pole. "For weeks on end there would be no one day in which no serious acts of sabotage occurred. In my district shots were to be heard in the woods every night. Next morning German soldiers would be delivered to hospitals or mortuaries."

Reprisals

"Every act of sabotage or guerilla warfare was followed by horrible reprisals on the part of the Germans."

"In one district a train carrying, among other things, explosives and steel flasks filled with gas, was derailed. Great damage was caused, and 150 young Poles were arrested in the nearest village immediately afterwards."

"They were charged with sabotage and executed at once."

According to the "Sunday Chronicle's" first-hand informant the Nazi authorities have become so worried at the shooting of Germans and the ambushing of German transports, that they recently issued new orders for dealing with sabotage.

Blind Injustice

By these orders the populations of villages nearest to the scenes of "accidents" are made "collectively responsible" at courts-martial formed on the spot at a moment's notice.

The inevitable executions follow the inevitable verdicts just outside the court.

But the saboteurs and guerillas fight on.

The underground movement is particularly strong among the workers of the industrial districts.

Goering has shifted many of his production centres eastwards in an attempt to get away from the R.A.F. bombers, but he is hampered just as much by the workers themselves when moving to Poland.

Unfortunately Polish engineers are held responsible for any fall in output, and many executions have taken place in Polish Silesia.

The Pro-Nazi

"In one factory in Skarzysk," the Polish visitor went on, "a terror-stricken chief engineer began to push forward the work on certain important plants as the Nazis demanded. He never finished that job."

"He was walking about the premises one day when a 'loose' desk fell from a window on top of his head. He died."

"It was a pity, for the man was a Pole. But he was ready to deal with the Germans instead of resisting them. What else could the workers do?"

"On that same day 300 of the engineer's factory staff were held collectively responsible for the accident and massacred before the machine-guns in a nearby forest."

The workers are not over-much afraid of dying, because life has been made not worth living in Poland.

SHIPPING RESUMES

The steamship service on the Mekong River, suspended since the outbreak of the Thai-French Indo-China border dispute, will be reopened on June 10, it was officially announced in Hanoi yesterday.

Simultaneously a Government-subsidised line between Savannah and Hweisai, on the upper reaches of the Mekong, will be inaugurated.—Reuter.

Imperious Exigency Of War

AFTER A CONFERENCE between M. Henry Haye, the Vichy Ambassador, and Mr. Cordell Hull, it was learned at the State Department yesterday that the U.S. Government found no evidence to warrant a change in its critical view of Franco-German collaboration.

As regards the British entry into Syria, it was pointed out in informed quarters that the French did not defend Syria against the Germans who are reported to have used it as a base for air operations against the British in Iraq.

The question now arises, according to these sources, as regards the French attitude towards the British.

The Allied entry into Syria was justified by Vichy's determination actively to assist Germany, says the "Washington Post."

The paper says: "If ever Nelson's advice, that the boldest measures are the safest, was applicable it is now. The road to Iran and India lies through Syria, and Britain has no option but to take time by the forelock and get athwart it."

Imperious Exigency

The paper describes Vichy's denials that German ground troops are in Syria as possibly right but disingenuous in view of the number of "tourists" who have already gone in.

From a military standpoint the British and Free French action in Syria is "absolutely justified and corresponded to the imperious exigency of war."

This view was expressed yesterday by Portugal's leading military commentator, Major Alexander de Borals, writing in "O Seculo."

Portuguese Understanding

The facilities granted in Syria to the German Air Force during the campaign against Rashid Ali must be considered the limit of the extent to which Vichy collaboration with the Axis might have been developed in that area.

The Lisbon newspaper "Voz" writes: "It is understandable that Britain cannot allow the Germans to use Syria for vigorous action against Egypt and against the Arab world."—Reuter.

HEBRIDES TO MARKET SEABIRDS' EGGS

Lonely Hebridean Isles, where sea-birds nest in thousands, are to be visited this season by egg-gathering expeditions of crofters and fishermen.

Sea-gulls' eggs fetched up to 2s. a dozen in the London market in peace-time. They are said to be ideal for cake-making.

PATIENTS IN MIX-UP

Family of Edward Dean, of Stonard Road, Palmer's Green, N., are to have a reunion to celebrate a mix-up of hospital records which threatened tragedy and turned to joy.

It began when Edward's mother, Mrs. Arthur Dean, of Essex Street, London, was admitted to a hospital with delayed shock after their house had been bombed. With other patients, she was evacuated to the country.

Then her family received a police call to go to the hospital as she was dangerously ill. Puzzled and shocked, they rushed to the hospital.

They knew immediately the heavily bandaged figure in the bed was not Mrs. Dean. But the records said it was Mrs. Dean, and gave her address.

Then the mystery was solved. The patient was a Mrs. Dean, but not Edward's mother.

Her records had been mixed with those of incoming patients. A telephone call straightened the matter out. Mrs. Dean was well and happy in the country, and looking forward to her family's visit.

Drive Penetrates 70 Miles Inland

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

BRITISH, IMPERIAL AND FREE FRENCH TROOPS, AUGMENTED BY CONSIDERABLE FORCES OF VICHY SOLDIERS WHO HAVE GONE OVER TO GENERAL DE GAULLE, ARE PUSHING DEEPER INTO SYRIA AND LEBANON IN THE BLITZ OFFENSIVE LAUNCHED BEFORE DAWN ON SUNDAY TO QUICKLY OCCUPY THE WHOLE OF THE FRENCH-MANDATED TERRITORY AND SNATCH IT FROM THE GERMANS' GRASP.

Encountering little if any resistance, several Allied columns, supported by R.A.F. planes, are reported to be swiftly closing in on Damascus, the capital. Capture of Beirut, the capital's port, is regarded as probable within a few hours.

General Wilson's British and Free French Forces are understood to have seized control of almost the entire 24,000-square mile Jebel Druse mountain area, and British occupation of Syria within a few days with little if any major opposition is authoritatively predicted.

THAILAND WILL STAY NEUTRAL

EVEN IF JAPAN ENTERED THE WAR THAILAND, AS A NEUTRAL, WOULD CONTINUE TO CARRY ON TRADE WITH ALL COUNTRIES. STATED PREMIER SONGGRAM AT A SPECIAL SESSION OF THE ASSEMBLY CONVENED TO RATIFY THE THAI-INDO-CHINA PEACE TREATY.

The Premier emphasised Thailand's pledge to Tokyo that she would not enter into any treaty detrimental to Japan and no new commitment beyond the already existing non-aggression pact with Indo-China.

The conflict with Indo-China, the Premier revealed, cost Thailand 10 million bahts plus six millions in compensation for public utilities in the ceded areas.—Reuter.

AERIAL BATTLES NR. DOVER

AN OFFICIAL COMMUNIQUE STATES: "DURING DAYLIGHT YESTERDAY THERE WAS SOME ACTIVITY OVER THE STRAITS OF DOVER AND NEAR THE COAST OF KENT AND ALSO OVER COASTAL DISTRICTS IN SOUTH AND SOUTH-WEST ENGLAND.

Up to 8 p.m. there were no reports of bombs dropped.

In engagements with out fighters protecting shipping in the Straits several enemy fighters were seen to be hit and damaged but owing to poor visibility destruction cannot be confirmed. One of our fighters was lost.—British Wireless.

GEORGE LOOKED & FOUND ONION!

George Robey used to tell audiences how he "stopped and looked and listened."

To-day he stopped and looked and found an onion!

Motoring to open War Weapons Week at Shifnal (Shropshire) he was stopped by a woman on the outskirts of the town who gave him a mysterious linen bag. On opening it, he found it contained an onion.

The onion was auctioned by George at the Weapons Week opening and fetched 15 guineas. Orpington (Kent) district raised about £250,000 in its War Weapons Week. It aimed at £100,000.

At some points the Allied advance, according to the London "Daily Express," has reached 70 miles into Syria, and one column has driven 30 miles along the road from the Jebel Druse area to Damascus.

The progress of the British entry into Syria by the coast road from Tyre and beyond the general line inland was announced by a communique from British Middle East General Headquarters last evening.

River Litani Crossed

The communique states: "Penetration by the Allied forces into Syria is progressing. By this morning they were beyond Tyre and later effected the crossing of the River Litani.

"On the right they have advanced beyond Lizzra-Sheikh-Miskine-Quinetra."

The advance northward of our forces, consisting of mechanised British, Free French, Australians and Indians, is progressing, according to messages received in Cairo.

It is considered very satisfactory that they have crossed the River Litani, which might have been a serious obstacle.

Very few details are yet available in Cairo on the political aspect as to French reaction but it seems evident that resistance must have been slight so far.

The advance from Dera, through the difficult Jebel-Druse country, is also progressing satisfactorily.

Jebel Druse Pro-British

This area is mostly composed in the south-east of lava beds and transport must needs keep to tracks.

But the Jebel Druses have memories of ruthless repression and are believed to be pro-British.

The roads through Dera and Quinetra, both 40 to 45 miles from Damascus, converge on that city—most important centre in Syria. Sheikh-Miskine is half way between them, and Tyre is about 30 to 35 miles from Beirut, with the Litani River some 10 miles to the north.

THERE IS NO EVIDENCE OF GERMAN ACTION. — INTERNATIONAL NEWS AND REUTER.

BLACK-OUT LIGHTS: DIPLOMATS WARNED

THE DIPLOMATIC Corps as a body is being asked to ensure that the black-out regulations are strictly observed by its members, writes the "Sunday Express" Diplomatic Correspondent.

The corps includes all the Ambassadors and Ministers of foreign countries accredited here.

There have recently been complaints that the black-out is broken by foreign diplomats.

The "Sunday Express" revealed that unauthorised lights are being shown by people connected with embassies and legations.

They plead diplomatic immunity when investigations are made.

FRENCH TROOPS GO OVER TO GEN. DE GAULLE

A considerable number of French officers and men have already come over to the side of the advancing Free French and Imperial troops and a number of others have ceased to fight.

The military spokesman in Jerusalem revealed yesterday that since Sunday the advance has proceeded to an average depth of 35 to 40 miles.

Only scattered centres of resistance were encountered and the number of British casualties is negligible.—Reuter.

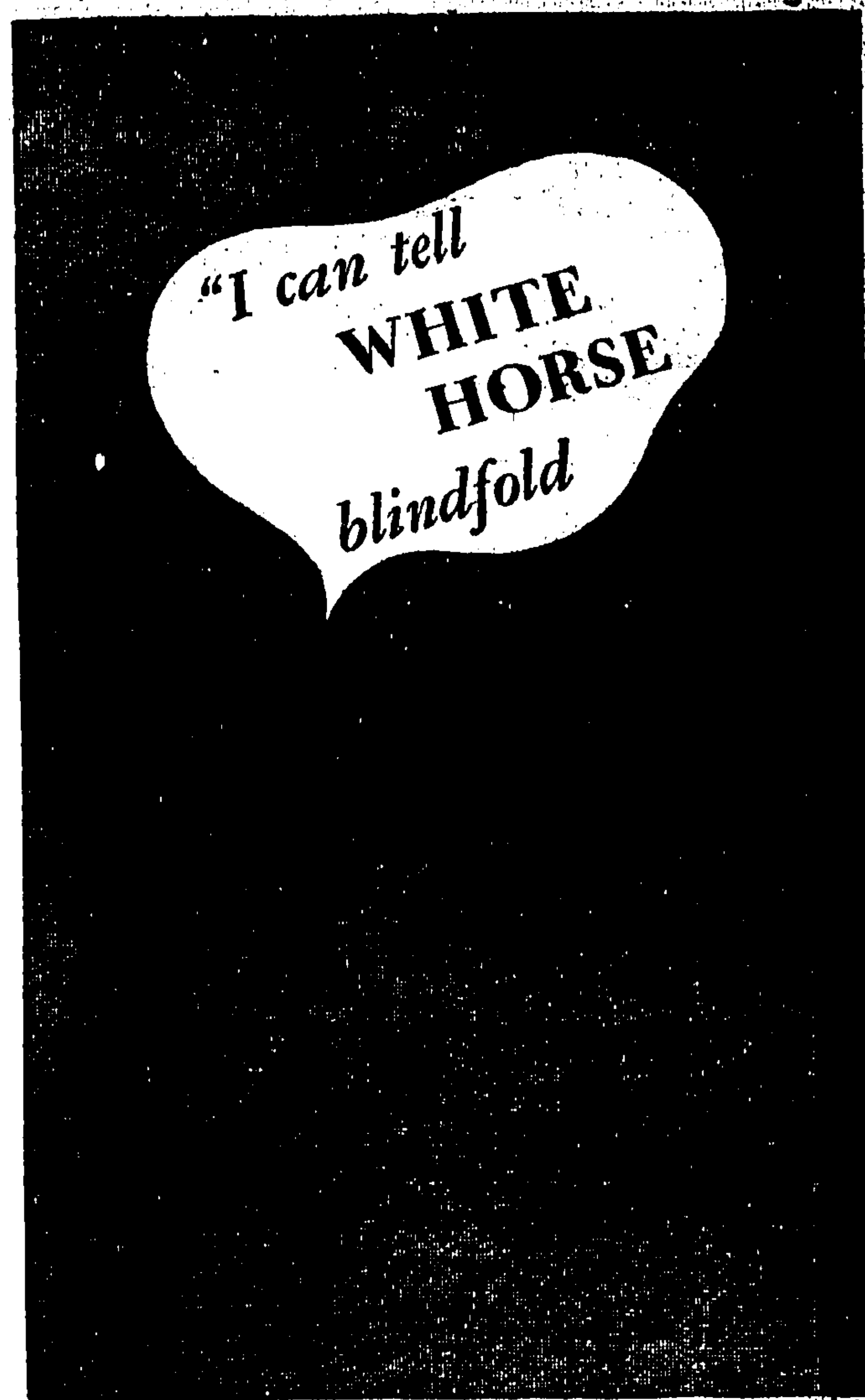
ITALIANS' "CONFIRMED LOSSES"

Italian General Headquarters in Rome yesterday issued the following list of "confirmed losses" for the month of May.

On the Greco-Albanian and Albanian-Yugoslav fronts 1,430 were killed, 4,123 wounded and 223 missing. On the Italo-Yugoslav fronts 14 were killed and 24 wounded.

In North Africa 329 were killed, 752 wounded and 23,919 missing. In East Africa 58 were killed, 77 wounded and 2,354 missing.

In the naval forces 38 were killed, 187 wounded and 3,030 missing, and in the Air Forces, 79 were killed, 41 wounded and 493 missing.—Reuter.



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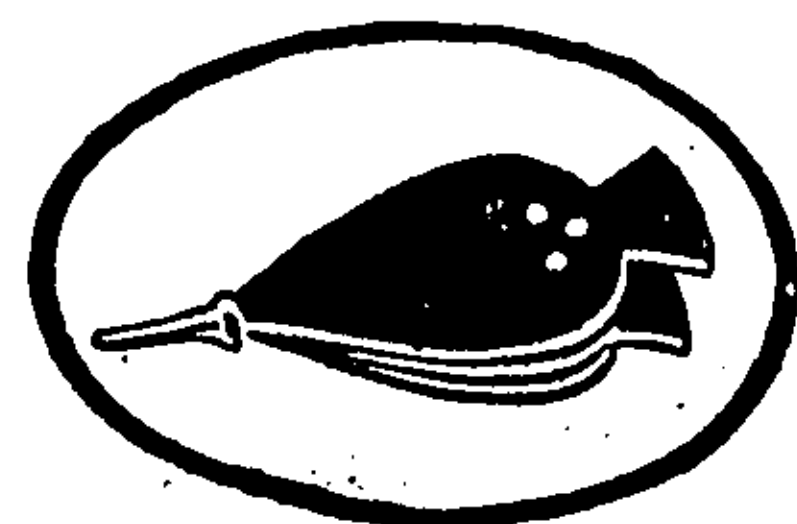
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The Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction on

FRIDAY, the 13th June, 1941,

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A QUANTITY OF VALUABLE HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE

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Hong Kong, 10th June, 1941.

The Undersigned have received instructions from The Marshal in Prize, Supreme Court, to sell by Public Auction on

SATURDAY, the 14th June, 1941, commencing at 10.30 a.m.

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NOTICE

TRAFFIC REGULATION AT KING'S BIRTHDAY PARADE AT HENNESSY ROAD ON JUNE 12TH

It is hereby notified that on the occasion of the March Past of the Garrison in honour of the Birthday of His Majesty the King, the following arrangements for the regulation of traffic will be enforced.

1. From 7.30 a.m. to 9.30 a.m. (approx.) Gloucester Road and that part of Hennessy Road between Fenwick Street and Stewart Road, will be closed to Vehicular Traffic.

2. Traffic will be diverted by way of Johnston Road or Lockhart Road.

3. Car parks will be formed in that part of Luard Road, O'Brien Road and Fleming Road which lies between Hennessy Road and Johnston Road. The Car Parks in O'Brien Road and Luard Road are reserved for the cars of official spectators. Persons arriving by car are requested to approach by way of Johnston Road.

4. From 7.30 a.m. to 9.30 a.m. (approx.) the following routes will be diverted to the following roads.

Route No. 1 will proceed via Johnston Road from Arsenal St. to Wanchai Road.

Route No. 2 will proceed via Lockhart Road from Arsenal St. Tonnocky Road, and via Tonnocky Road to Hennessy Road.

Sd. J. P. PENNEFATHER-EVANS, Commissioner of Police Hong Kong, 10th June, 1941.

BANK HOLIDAY.

In Accordance with Government Ordinance, THE EXCHANGE BANKS will be CLOSED for the Transaction of Public Business on THURSDAY, the 12th June, 1941. (The Birthday of His Majesty The King.)

Hong Kong, 7th June, 1941.

PEAK TRAMWAYS COMPANY, LIMITED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the ANNUAL ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of Shareholders will be held at the HONG KONG HOTEL, Hong Kong, on WEDNESDAY, the 11th JUNE, 1941, at 11.00 A.M., for the purpose of receiving the Report of Directors together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ended 30th April, 1941.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from WEDNESDAY, 4th day of June, to WEDNESDAY, the 11th of June, 1941, both days inclusive.

JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON, General Managers. Hong Kong, 29th May, 1941.

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Notice To Shareholders

THE SIXTIETH ORDINARY MEETING of Shareholders will be held at the Offices of the undersigned on WEDNESDAY, the 25th June, 1941, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Agents, together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ended the 31st December, 1940.

The Share Register and Transfer Books will be closed from the 11th June to the 25th June, 1941, both days inclusive.

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Hong Kong, 4th June, 1941.

BRIDGE NOTES

AGGRAVATING A MISFIT

By The Four Aces

A wise player looks for an opportunity to pass as soon as he senses a misfit. North, in to-day's hand, was not a wise player, so he gave the opponents 800 points as a gift.

South, Dealer North-South vulnerable

NORTH
♠ Q
♥ 9 8
♦ K Q J 9 7
♣ A 9 7 6 3

WEST EAST
♠ K 10 6 2 ♠ 9 5
♥ A 2 ♥ J 10 5 4
♦ A 8 6 3 2 ♦ 10 5
♣ J 2 ♣ K Q 10 5 4

SOUTH
♠ A J 8 7 4 3
♥ K Q 7 6 3
♦ 4
♣ 8

The bidding:

South	West	North	East
1♠	2♦	Dbl.	Pass
2♥	Pass	3♣	Pass
3♥	Pass	3NT	Dbl.
4♠	Dbl.	5♥	Dbl.
Pass	Pass	Pass	

North's double of two diamonds was, of course, perfectly sound; but so was South's decision to bid his hearts. The South hand was worth little defensively but a great deal on offence. If North had a fit for either of the major suits. And, if North had been a wise player, he would have passed right then and there!

It was obvious that South had taken out the double of two diamonds because he had unusual distribution and not much defensive strength. And since South had bid the two major suits, it was obvious that his unusual distribution consisted of length in those two suits. North could see that he could get nowhere bidding the minors or even no-trump; the hand was just a misfit, and the sooner he passed the better off he would be.

That is, North could see all that if he had eyes to see. But some players are deaf to all warnings and blind to all stop signals; and North, a member of that class, persisted in his stubborn bidding until the opponents doubled. The result was an 800-point penalty instead of a fulfilled part score of two hearts.

Yesterday you were Oswald Jacoby's partner and, with both sides vulnerable, you held:

♠ K 7 5
♥ J 8 3 2
♦ 8 4
♣ K 9 6 3

The bidding:

Schenkel	Jacoby	Miller	You
1NT	Dbl.	2♥	(?)

ANSWER: Double. Your partner has a reasonably balanced and very strong hand, so your four trumps and two Kings guarantee a good-sized set if the opponents stay in two hearts.

Score 100% for double, 20% for pass.

Question No. 738

To-day you are Howard Schenkel's partner and, with both sides vulnerable, you hold:

♠ 10 8 6 3 2
♥ 7
♦ Q J 5 4
♣ K 8 3

The bidding:

Jacoby	Schenkel	Miller	You
1NT	Dbl.	2♥	(?)

What do you bid? (Answer to-morrow.)

(Released by The Ben Syndicate, Inc.)

ANGRY AT MINT THEFT

A Royal Mint refinery official told East London Juvenile Court recently that the theft of £100 worth of silver coins by a boy packer was "the most terrible affair we have had," and was "resented by the boy's fellow-workers."

It had been stated that the boy, aged fifteen, broke open a crate when he was alone in a strong-room. He took the coins out of the building from time to time in his gas mask container.

The Mint official also said in court that the boy was never left alone for more than a quarter of an hour. The probable reason he had not been heard opening the crate was that there was a certain amount of noise in the building.

Adjourning the case the chairman, Mr. Basil Henriques, said: "It does not excuse the boy in the least, but it does seem that he had planned the theft after discovering that he was often left alone."

WAIT TILL HE HEARS OF THIS

Naval guards removing 500 crewmen from the seized 23,250-ton Italian liner Conte Biancamano for transport to New York had quite a start when some of the prisoners were seen to heave a heavy object overboard.

Believing it to be a bomb, Navy divers gingerly groped for the object and finally brought it up. Carefully uncovering its canvas wrappings they found:

A life-size bronze bust of Premier Mussolini!

Unofficially it was reported that the Conte Biancamano's engines had been so badly sabotaged that repairs would require several months.

MILLION WORKERS BY JULY 1

Dr. John W. Studebaker, United States Commissioner of Education, predicted that by July 1,000,000 workers will be trained for skilled defence jobs in vocational and technical schools throughout the United States.

In a talk before the Workers Education Bureau, celebrating its twentieth anniversary, Dr. Studebaker asserted that labour, education and Government had cooperated to provide national defence industries with skilled men, and declared "we are going to succeed at the job of defending democracy, whatever the cost."

Matthew Woll, Vice-President of the American Federation of Labour, and Chairman of the Education Bureau, declared that "trade unionism and Hitlerism cannot live together."

"To-day the Nazi regime symbolises the rule of violence and anarchy in international affairs," Mr. Woll said. "Their policy violates every sense of human decency that we know. But for labour this threat of the Nazi tyranny is a threat not only to democratic process, but the possibility of trade unions to survive in the world."

TRIUMPH of SCIENCE!

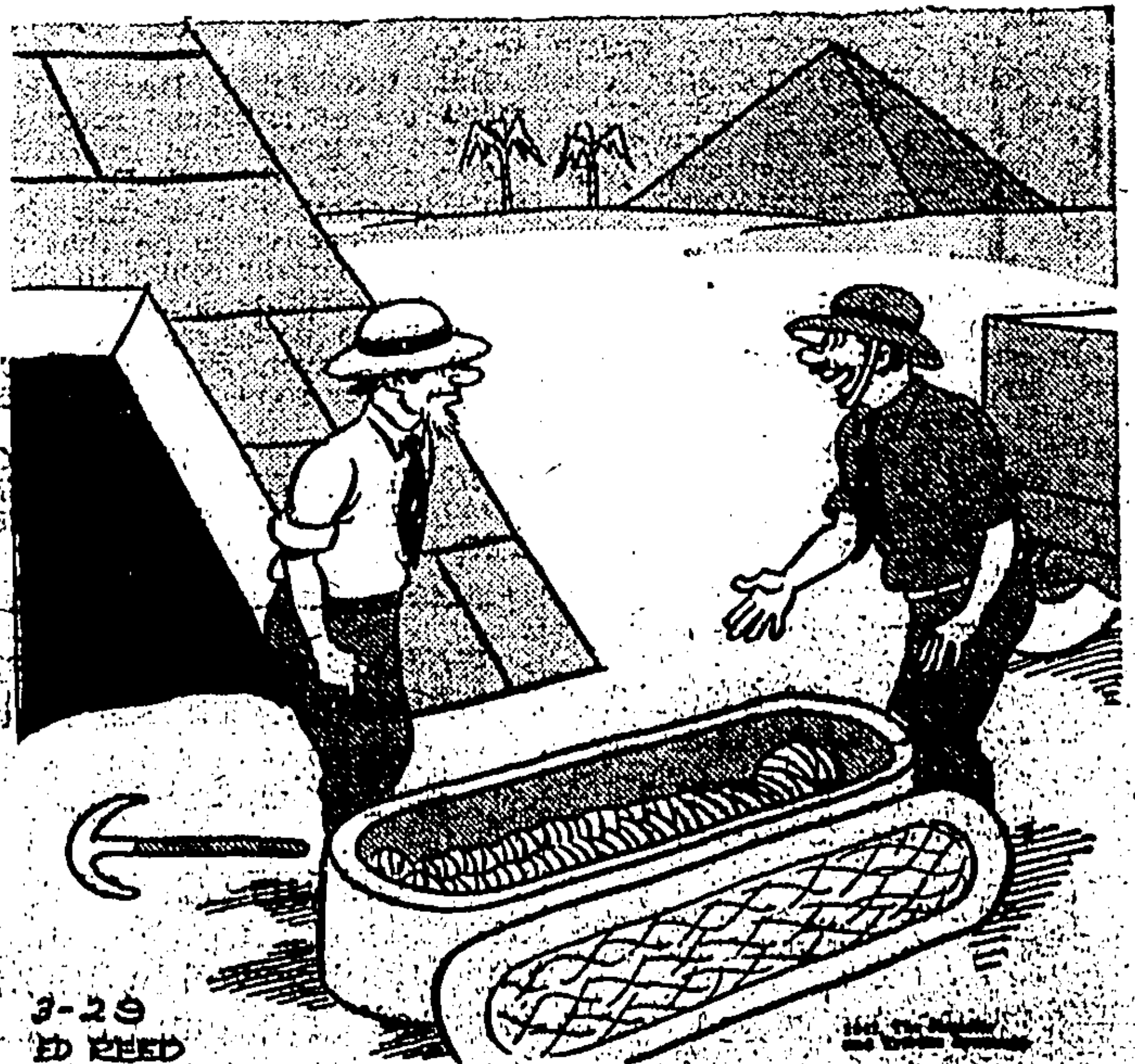
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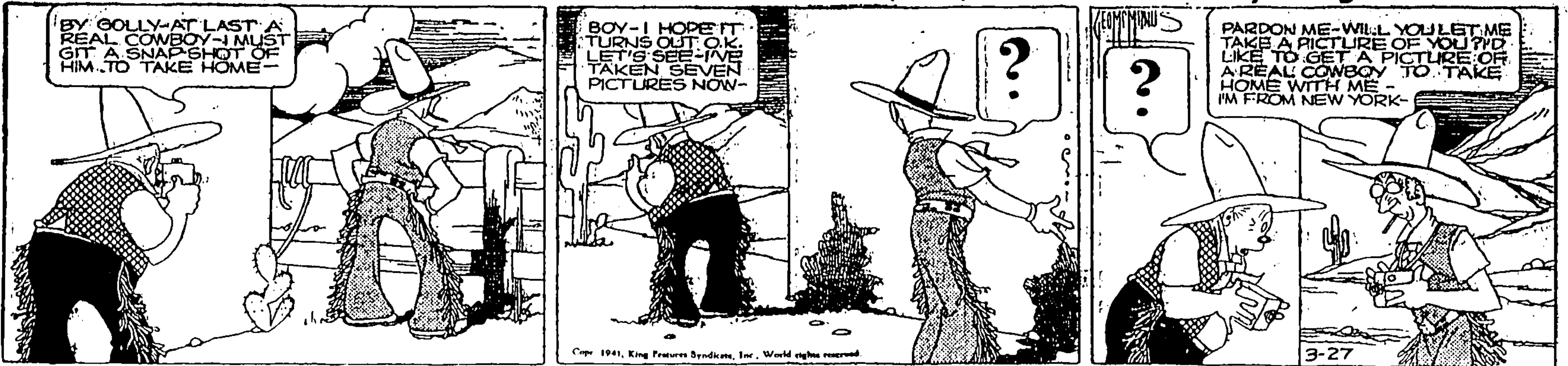
"The postal authorities wouldn't let us send King Tut to the museum—they said he isn't wrapped correctly!"

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Bringing Up Father

By George MacManus



A PAGE FOR WOMEN

Icy Dip Is Finale To Perfect Make-Up

When Mona Manet, fascinating young New York cosmetician, describes the correct procedure for her flattering make-up, she likens it to the famous Chinese flower art. Chinese women, you know, start with a very large bouquet and gradually eliminate one flower after another until eventually there are only a few blossoms left in the arrangement!

For an exquisite facial effect, Miss Manet believes a woman should spend thirty minutes making up her face and finish by removing most of what she has applied by ducking her face into a bowl of ice water!

If that sounds silly to you read her directions for new make-up to be worn with Beige—the season's leading colour:

On your cleaned skin apply several tiny dots of brunette foundation cream. Wet the finger tips and smooth the foundation into the thinnest imaginable film. Apply a lively red cream rouge close to the eyes (to cover the circles) and towards the temples (that's the direction you blush). Use two eyeshadows. Grey to begin with—smoothed on very gently. Then green close to the lashes.

Eyebrows make or break a make-up, so the eyebrow pencil is used with the lightest of strokes following the hair growth—never press the hair into a solid line.

Now you are ready for your lipstick which will match your rouge in colour. Apply it with a long haired Chinese brush. You may restyle your mouth completely and give it a new appealing shape or you may follow your true lip line. Outline the lips first and then fill in and blot off excess colouring on a cob-webby tissue—set rouge by dusting lips with face powder and then paint them again.

Now you powder. (A goldish shade is lovely with beige.) Use an immaculately clean fluffy puff or a large swoosh of fresh absorbent cotton. Miss Manet advises you to powder your face lavishly



The smoothing of foundation cream is the primary step in attaining a clever, flattering make-up. Mildred Colea of Warner's Studio spends ten minutes applying her foundation film.

all over, right up to your hair line. Then brush the powder away with a soft, long bristled brush.

As a finish—here my dears is the shock—dip your entire face quickly into a bowl of ice-cold water! Blot with a thin tissue—no wiping.

Then just a "suspicion" of beauty

oil on eyelids and brows, a bit of mascara on upper eyelashes with a clean brush.

If you carry out all these instructions the effect will be that of radiant health—a lovely glow untinged by obvious paint and powder!

It is the Chinese method and a good one!

Well-Manicured Nails Protect Sheer Hose



Dietering Dot says sticking a finger into every pie doesn't help one while striving to get into the featherweight class.

Business girls discover that a weekly manicure and daily care of fingernails is truly a good investment of time or money, for when the hands are free of hangnails and the polish is smooth, there is little possibility of snagging one's hose. The smallest hangnail or merest split can catch a silk thread and cause a run which certainly involves greater expense than the cost of a manicure!

Women who complain about chipping and splitting nails should check up on their daily habits. Opening a wrist-watch safety clasp, for instance, will split a nail, or using bobby pins will do it. I've seen beautiful nails split and the polish chip from the simple job of opening a package. If you want beautiful nails you must be careful how you use them. Do not expect them to substitute for knives or scissors!

If you paint your nails with coloured lacquer it is good to go without it for a week or so when your nails show indication of being below par in health. During that time keep them nicely

shaped and buff them to a natural gloss. Also eat of the foods which help to build strong nails such as milk, beans, cheese, eggs, fish, asparagus, peas and lentils, barley, endive.

Many women find that a clear base beneath the polish helps the polish to wear better and prevents the more vivid colours from staining the nails. Never paint fresh polish over old, chipped polish—it doesn't look smooth and it is bound to flake off.

About Nail Shades

Nail polish shades follow fashion's colour chart very closely. If new shades of dress and coat materials appear you may be assured that there is a nail polish on your cosmetic counter which matches, contrasts or blends with it. In fact there are so many variations of nail polish shades now presented that I cannot begin to describe them.

However, three of the newest are American through and through for they are named after our national habits such as

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drinking pop, eating hot dogs, see them displayed to tempt your pennies. Lighter shades are still worn by fifty per cent of the women and girls as I discovered upon questioning a dozen or so manicurists in the better salons—so if you like pale fingers do not shades of many colours. You'll hesitate to wear a pale polish.

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12.30 p.m.—Paul Whiteman and His Concert Orchestra with Heddle Nash (Tenor).

Second Rhapsody (Gershwin).... Paul Whiteman & his Concert Orch. The Fair Maid of Perth—Serenade (Bizet).... Heddle Nash (Tenor) with Orchestra.

The Chocolate Soldier—My Hero. Waltz (Oscar Strauss).... Paul Whiteman & his Orchestra with Vocal Chorus.

The Dubarry—If I am Dreaming (Leigh-Millocker).... Heddle Nash (Tenor) with Orchestra. When Day is Done (De Sylva—Katscher).... Paul Whiteman & his Concert Orchestra.

1.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal and Programme Summary.

1.02 p.m.—Variety.

Vocal—I Wished on the Moon (from "The Big Broadcast of 1936") I'm in the Mood for Love (from "Every Night at Eight").... Lanny Ross with Orchestra accomp.

Orch.—Hot Pie: Part 1—Quicksteps; Part 2—Slow Fox-Trots.... Scott Wood & his Six Swingers.

Vocal—It's like reaching for the Moon (Lewis & others): Long ago and Far away (film "Three Cheers for Love").... Frances Langford with Orchestra.

Orch.—One never knows, does one? (from "Stowaway").... Mal Hallett & his Orchestra.

Vocal—Yodelling Hobo (Ted & Ezra).... The Hill Billies with Their Own Novelty Accomp.

1.30 p.m.—Reuter & Rugby Press and Announcements.

1.46 p.m.—Swing and Sway with Sammy Kaye.

Fox-Trots—Amapola: You're the Moment of a Lifetime. Waltz—Down the Gypsy Trail (from "Ecstasy").

Fox-Trot—Along the Santa Fe Trail (film "Along the Santa Fe Trail"): Sunset at Sea; That's my Way of saying I Love You; A Cathedral in Rio; The Gaucho Serenade. Waltz—As 'round and 'round we go.

2.15 p.m.—Close down.

5.45 p.m.—Indian Programme.

6.30 p.m.—Closing Local Stock Quotations.

6.32 p.m.—Dance Music.

Fox-Trots—Keep an Eye on your Heart: I'm always chasing Rainbows (film "Ziegfeld Girl").... Joe Reichman & his Orchestra.

Waltz—Confidence: Quick-Step—Memories of You.... Victor Silverster & his Ballroom Orchestra.

Rumbas—When Bomba plays a Rumba; When a Cuban says "I Love You".... Harry Roy & his Orchestra.

Fox-Trot—A Nightingale sang in Berkeley Square (from "New Faces"): Quick-Step—Tiggerty Boo.... Joe Loss & his Orchestra.

7.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News.

7.15 p.m.—London Relay—"Questions of the Hour".

7.30 p.m.—Portuguese Programme.

8.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal, Programme Summary and Announcements.

8.02 p.m.—Popular Selections from Light Opera.

"The Maid of the Mountains"—Selection.... The London Palladium Orch. "The Bohemian Girl"—Vocal Gems.... Light Opera Company.

"Belle of New York"—Selection (Kerker).... Band of H.M. Coldstream Guards.

"The Merry Widow"—Villa; The Merry Widow Waltz.... Jeannette MacDonald (Soprano) with Orch.

8.30 p.m.—Paul Robeson (Bass) and the Boston Orchestra.

Waltz—"The Sleeping Beauty" Ballet (Tchaikovsky); Polonaise Militaire in A Major (Chopin, orchestrated by Glazounov).... Boston Promenade Orchestra.

Blue Prelude (Bishop): Swing Along (Cook).... Paul Robeson (Bass) with Orchestra.

Entry of the Boyards—March (Halvorsen).... Boston Promenade Orch. Dear Old Southland (Creamer—Layton).... Paul Robeson (Bass) with Orchestra.

Intermezzo—"Cavaleria Rusticana" (Mascagni).... Boston Orchestra.

9.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News & News Commentary.

9.15 p.m.—Piano Recital by Alfred Cortot.

Ballade No. 3 in A Flat Major Op. 47 (Chopin); "Rigoletto"—Paraphrase de Concert (Verdi—Liszt); Valse in A Flat, Op. 69, No. 1 (Chopin); Jeux d'Eau (The Fountain) (Ravel); Fantaisie Impromptu in C Sharp Minor, Op. 66 (Chopin).

9.45-10.00 p.m.—News in French (on Short Wave only).

9.45 p.m.—Luigini—Ballet Egyptian.

Marek Weber and His Orchestra. 10.00 p.m.—Wagner—"The Valkyrie" Act 1. Characters and Solists in order of appearance: Siegmund, Lauritz Melchior (Tenor); Sieglinde, Lottie Lehmann (Soprano); Hunding, Emanuel List (Bass); with The Vienna Philharmonic Orchestra conducted by Bruno Walter.

10.25 p.m.—Close down.

TEACHING SEX APPEAL

The technique of sex appeal should be taught to university students, says Miss Pearl Buck, the novelist.

"Nothing can give sex appeal to the man or woman who does not possess the technique, whether God-given or taught," she told the Progressive Education Association of Philadelphia.

"The teaching of sex appeal technique should be included as part of the education of men and women for each other," she added, "with full training in regard to the proper times and places to use it."—Reuter.

8,500,000 BICYCLES ARE LEFT UNSECURED

Nearly 20,000 bicycles are being stolen each year in Britain. And as war conditions send up the value of machines that figure is likely to increase.

Each day police headquarters in London and provincial centres are receiving more complaints. And it is the carelessness of the public which has brought about this position.

Mr. A. P. Chamberlin, secretary of the National Cyclists' Union told the "Evening Standard."

"There are between 10,000,000 to 12,000,000 bicycles in use in Britain to-day.

"I guarantee that I could manage to steal almost any one of them at will. Bicycle theft is about the easiest thing on earth.

"Out of that huge total barely 15 per cent. take the trouble to protect their machines in any way when they are left unattended out-of-doors."

That means that about 8,500,000 bicycles are potential booty.

"TOUGH" MEN DEMAND OPEN BLADE RAZORS

Though razors, like razor-blades, are not plentiful in the shops, there is a boom in their manufacture.

Sheffield makers are busier now than they were before the war.

The secret is that Britain is capturing the German trade in razors for the Empire countries. Demands are so heavy that retired craftsmen are returning to work.

Australia bids fair to become Britain's best customer for the "cut-throat" razors.

The tough backwoodsmen have never cared much for the safety variety.

They are, relates an exporter, among the world's best experts in stropping.

The British Navy and mercantile marine are good customers of the razor makers.

A large proportion of the men still prefer the long-handled type.

Production of these razors for the home market, like that of safety razors and blades, is limited to 25 per cent. of pre-war quantities.

LOVE CALL MADE HER BECOME A MANNEQUIN

Ann d'Arcy, cabaret girl with the snakiest hips, has become a mannequin, hoping that she may be sent to South America with the British Government's dress show. She was brought up in Argentina.

"I had a girlhood romance there," she told a reporter. "I want to return and see him."

When the scheme was announced, Ann, who worked at the Cafe de Paris, dieted on orange juice for a week to make sure her hips were the snakiest.

Then she applied for a job with firms who were sending models to South America. "But the models had all been chosen. Still, I'm carrying on in case they want some more."

Ann works for Rahvis, showing slinky dresses.

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STRANDED SEAMEN IN COLONY

R. B. Pitt, 24, unemployed seaman, was committed to the House of Detention by Mr. G. T. Lowry at the Central Magistracy this morning, for being a vagrant in the Colony.

According to Detective Sergeant Youe, of the Special Branch, accused was a member of a crew of a British ship. Following a quarrel with a superior officer, accused was imprisoned for a breach of regulations for two weeks. He obtained his discharge a few days ago, but had no means of support.

An unemployed Polish seaman, August Stefanovsky, 30, charged with a similar offence, was ordered to be expelled from the Colony by Mr. Lowry.

Accused was paid off from his ship on May 4 last when he declined to sail to England, and has been in the Colony since.

MORRISON HILL A.R.P HUT ROBBERY

Two months' hard labour was imposed by Mr. H. G. Sheldon, K.C., at the Central Magistracy this morning, on Chan Kau, 27, unemployed, for stealing three wooden doors and a wooden window from an incendiary bomb demonstration hut, Morrison Hill yesterday.

Two other unemployed Chinese, Chan So, 37, and Wong Chun, 40, were each sentenced to two months' hard labour, for the theft of wood from No. 13, A.R.P. Tunnel, off Electric Street, yesterday.

Detective Sergeant V. Morrison prosecuted.

CONSTABLE REMANDED

At the request of Chief Detective Inspector A. E. Carey, an Indian constable, Amar Singh, 29, was remanded for a week by Mr. D. J. N. Anderson at Kowloon this morning on a charge of unlawfully and maliciously wounding Ad'it Singh in Kowloon on Sunday.

FALSE FRETENCES

Pleading guilty to charges of obtaining money, by false pretences, from three persons on three different occasions, Chong Hak-sam, 26, was fined \$100, or two months' hard labour, by Mr. D. J. N. Anderson at Kowloon this morning.

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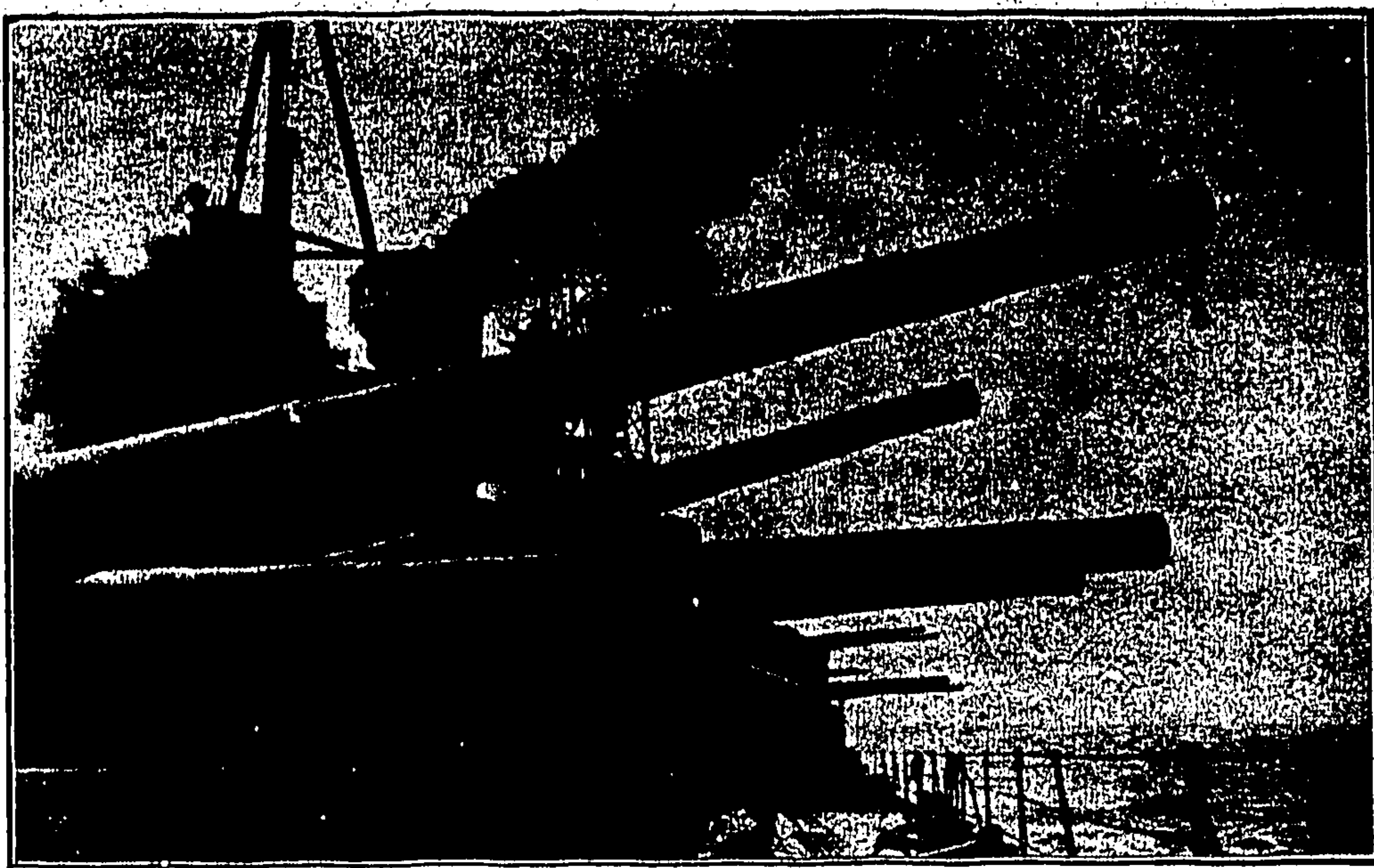
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CHINESE REMANDED

Eight Chinese appeared before Mr. H. C. Macnamara at Kowloon this morning, charged with armed robbery and with unlawful possession of arms.

Accused, armed with revolvers and dagger, were alleged to have robbed Cheung King-yuen, of \$421.81 at No. 211, Yee Kuk Street, ground floor, on May 29.

Two of the accused were additionally charged with possession of two revolvers, a round of ammunition and a dagger at No. 368, Shanghai Street.

Defendants were remanded for three days for further enquiries.

JUNK MASTER FINED

Charged with unlawful possession of 50 rounds of ammunition, Chan Kit Yee, 31, master of the Ki On Firm, cargo junk agents of No. 27 Des Voeux Road, was fined \$50, or one months' hard labour by Mr. G. T. Lowry, at the Central Magistracy this morning.

Defendant stated that the ammunition was left behind by the former junk master. Detective McEwen pointed out that the ammunition should have been turned over to the Harbour Officer.

14 OUNCES TO THE LB.

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Fruit shops in Shanghai are now selling per piece on account of police charges that they are selling false weight. Their contention is that 14 ounces equal one lb., with which the police disagree, the result being appearances in court and fines from \$5 to \$20.—International News Service.

OVER FIXED PRICE

Charged with selling firewood at a price higher than that fixed by the Controller of Trade, Luk Hon-kwong, 30, master of a firewood shop at No. 154, Prince Edward Road, was fined \$100, or one month's hard labour, by Mr. D. J. N. Anderson at Kowloon this morning.

BRITISH SINK 'ALLIGATORS'

Colourful language is used to describe war news to the 8,000,000 or so South African natives, the majority of whom are illiterate.

The Department of Native Affairs now issues the news in the several languages of the Bantu peoples.

Some picturesque accounts of air battles fought in the course of the war at sea are presented to the natives by specially chosen radiocasters. About the newspaper offices also, groups of natives are to be seen scanning the news sheets printed in native languages. Those who can read take on the job of telling those who cannot.

An example of the type of news paragraphs supplied is as follows: "It is officially made known from London that since Monday of the past week two Nazi Sea-Alligators (U-boats) are known to have been slain by the British."

Describing British defence against daylight air attackers a report says: "Machines of ours tore up into the sky at them and cannons from the ground (anti-aircraft guns) let go showers of shells at them wherever they appeared."

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ARMY'S CONTRIBUTION TO BASEBALL

By "Squaddy"

The "Sappers," it will be recalled, were the first Military team in the Colony to take to the noble sport of "swatting the apple." When the game had such a grip on them they decided that it was time to see the Area Sports Board with the view of obtaining a ground for the purpose of practice and the playing of the sport.

Owing to the shortage of grounds on the Island, Area Sports Board were approached for the use of Chatham Road Sports Ground. This ground was granted to the Hong Kong Baseball League for the summer season.

As soon as they heard this the Engineers got busy and supervised the contractor in the construction of the present Baseball pitch and stands. This in itself was a lot of hard work and worry and a race against time.

On Saturday "Sappers" were amply rewarded when His Excellency The Governor, Sir Geoffrey Northcote, officially opened the new Baseball Ground at Chatham Road.

As previously mentioned in this column, a circular has been sent to all Units in the Command asking for their views on the forming of an Army Baseball League. It is hoped that in the near future a few more Military teams will enter the Baseball League.

The game is still in its infancy in the Army yet, its costliness of equipment being one of its chief drawbacks, but next season should see the sport well on its way to being one of the most popular sports in the Colony.

and "flicking" moments of their opponents.

With the score level both teams livened up and the defence on either side was called upon to give some extra effort to keep the opposing forwards out.

Middlesex began to force the pace and were very aggressive on the left side of their attack. Jackson, Bright and Sheehan were very much responsible for the worry caused Rajputs' defence, and it was no surprise when Middlesex scored through Bright with about 10 minutes to go.

It then seemed as though the "Diehards" would be the winners, for with one goal up and a few minutes to go they played like demons to keep the lead. Many a time it appeared as though they would score again. But Rajputs were not beaten yet, for suddenly, with a minute or less to go, the ball went down the field towards Middlesex goal and a terrific shot was let loose, and the goalkeeper, Winfield, placed himself in the direction of the ball's flight. The ball struck his pads and ricocheted into the goal, a few seconds before the final whistle went.

Both team captains agreed to play ten minutes extra time "each way" and in this extra half, Middlesex were very unlucky not to score. They forced no less than three short corners in a very brief space of time.

There were no outstanding moments in this period and the match finished in a draw.

The re-play has been scheduled to take place on Sunday.

PRESENTATION

An anonymous person has approached Area Sports Board with the intention of presenting a Trophy to the Board, to be competed for in any Tournament the Board think fit. This generous offer is at present under consideration by the Area Sports Board.

SOUTH CHINA WIN AGAIN

South China touring football team beat Combined Malayan and Chinese by three clear goals at Ipoh on Sunday. The goal scorers were Lee Wai-tong and Lee Tak-kee (2).



HANDICAPS FOR MACAO RACING

Following are the handicaps for the Macao Jockey Club June Race Meeting to be held on Sunday at Macao:

THE CANBERRA HANDICAP—Six Furlongs—Australian Ponies 'B', 'C', 'D' Classes.

A Good Time (135), Angel of Glory (152), Annabella (138), Cockleroi (147), Double Finesse (158), Joan (159), National Victory (135), Tobactship (144), Odin (142), Ozark (142) and Winnie (145).

THE HOBART HANDICAP—Six Furlongs—Novice Jockeys. Australian Ponies "E" Class.

Beauford (135), Blue Gown (139), Boneshaker (142), Buckfastleigh (142), Dick Turpin (142), High Hat (137), Rising Star (149) and Subpoena (142).

THE LAPPA HANDICAP—Six Furlongs—China Ponies "C" Class. Blue Diamond (140), Blue Field (152), Galveston Bay (147), Jennifer (138), Lancashire Lass (145), Night Express (140), Odeon (152), Oscar Zyleh (142) and Smashing Through (147).

THE MA KOK HANDICAP—(First Section)—Six Furlongs. China Ponies "E" Class.

Black Diamond (135), Geordie (140), King's Worthy (159), Mac's Adventure (140), National Success (152), Piet Hein (159), Radium Star (143) and Sports Venture (135).

THE STEWARDS' CUP—Six Furlongs—China Ponies "D" Class. Special Dollar Sweep.

Boat Bay (140), Eve of Hunting (159), Golden Cow (146), Guinness Time (142), Lovely Star (150), Portrush (146), Royal Highness (135), Sunlight View (135) and West Lake (149).

THE MA KOK HANDICAP—(Second Section)—Novice Jockeys. Eagle (147), Hopeful Time (152), National Anthem (146), National Liberty (159), New Bedford (159), The Mermaid (149), The Spirit of St. Louis (146) and Victory Life (135).

There is a Special Sweep on "The Stewards' Cup" limited to 50,000 Tickets at One Dollar each.

HOME SOCCER PLANS

The annual meeting of the Football League was held yesterday at Nottingham, when it was decided that next season the League should be run in two competitions, the North and the South, on a points basis, finishing December 26.

Several clubs were not in favour of this and put forward amendments which were defeated. In the second half of the season there will be a combined League and Cup competition but with the important provision that the committee, and not the clubs, make the League fixtures. The original intention was that the clubs should make their own fixtures. The committee will decide on the bases for the "games" decision, points goal-average or percentage. After 10 games the top 32 clubs will qualify for the Cup proper.

The early games may delay the county and local cup competition and the London clubs are tinkering with new arrangements that may prevent their cup tournament.

ILL WINDS FOLLOW CRAIG WOOD

CRAIG WOOD WILL GO down in history as one of the unfortunate golfers unless his luck changes in the next few years. His win in the Masters' tournament at Augusta (Georgia) with a return of 66, 71, 71, 72 for a total of 280 stamps him as a man of front rank but people are apt to forget tournament winners unless they succeed championships.

Open titles have eluded Craig Wood and now that he is on the way to his fortieth birthday he will not find it so easy to repel the advances of younger men.

Craig Wood has had a good share of district and tournament successes and he went to England in 1933 with a more than useful reputation. This he justified by sharing first place in the British Open championship at St. Andrews but he lost the replay to Denismore Shute, a compatriot with a Cornish connection. It is Shute who is chiefly remembered when the 1933 championship is talked about, not the man who, to be beaten in the replay, might just as well not have tied.

Then at home, in 1939, Craig Wood and Byron Nelson finished level for the American Open title but it was Nelson whose name was inscribed on the roll of champions for he won the replay.

'Spreadeagled' The Field

When Craig Wood teed up for the first round of the Masters' tournament this year one can visualise him saying "there will be no tie this time" and he certainly spreadeagled the field with a first round score of 66. This gave him a five strokes lead and nobody was ever within three strokes of him afterwards. The rest of the field were fighting for the minor prizes while Craig Wood had a stern grip on the major award of £300. Perhaps Craig Wood trembled a little in the second round, and had memories of 1929, for Nelson who had been installed a 7-1 favourite for the tournament, returned 69 then to secure second place, three strokes behind Craig Wood, who took 71. Wood, however, consolidated his position with another 71 in the third round. Nelson dropping back with 73 while Sam Byrd played a sterling 68 to deprive Nelson of second place.

On a once had a better score than 280 won the tournament and Craig Wood's 66 was six strokes below par and is the second best individual score, a similar round having been the course record until Ray Mangrum's 64 of last year.

There were many American "stars" in the field but none added to his reputation. Lawson Little, the reigning American champion, finished eighth with 280. Gene Sarazen and Horton Smith were among the 297's. Jim Ferrier (Australia) took 299, M. Pose (Argentina) 299 and Bobby Jones—peerless a few years ago—finished with 307.

Walter Hagen did not finish. His first round cost him 87, his worst round in any tournament, and he did not arrive for the second round.—Reuter.

TO-DAY'S TENNIS

Following is to-day's Second Division Tennis League programme and some names—

C.R.C. v. C.S.C.C.
K.C.C. v. S.C.A.A.
A.T.C. v. R.F.C.C.A.
S.C.A.A. v. T. Lee and H. C. Wang v. H. He and B. Szeto v. T. Lee and W. G. Hon.
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S. W. Liang and P. F. Choy v. C. C. O. B. Agafuroff and W. J. Skinner v. G. Glass and J. Hamp.

BOWLS CHAMPIONSHIPS START TO-DAY

The opening game for the Open Pairs Lawn Bowls championships will be played this afternoon when a large number of games are down for decision on both sides of the Harbour.

Several games will probably be postponed owing to Volunteer duties.

Following is to-day's programme:—

Open Pairs

At Kowloon Football Club
H. Drew and V. C. Dixon, v. T. A. Madar and A. E. P. Guest; V. Atienza and V. Chittenden v. A. Eastman and W. Simpson.

At Orange Grove C.C.
W. K. Way and E. Zimmern v. C. W. Lam and N. P. Karanjia; H. Nish and G. Sewell v. E. G. Post and W. J. Cameron.

At Club de Recreio
F. Nolan and A. Jillett v. A. W. Smith and E. Curtis; W. McNeil and P. A. Peckham v. R. Leigh and R. S. Meadow.

At Police Recreation Club
T. R. Hunter and L. Jack v. J. W. Harrop and S. H. Marvin.

At Kowloon Docks
H. White and A. J. Hall v. C. M. Silva and F. K. Soares; J. Noronha and C. G. Silva v. E. Scard and J. E. Henson.

At Hong Kong Football Club
N. J. Bebbington and J. F. McGowan v. M. I. Razack and A. J. Coelho.

At Kowloon Cricket Club
R. T. Broadbridge and N. A. E. Mackay v. A. Steven and J. A. R. Selby.

At Kowloon Bowling Green Club
G. E. F. Thompson and E. V. Searle v. H. F. Shields and C. Hatt; E. A. Aiken and J. G. Meyer v. E. Levett and H. Spong.

At Civil Service C.C.
K. W. Forrow and A. G. Grat-tan v. G. Willerton and G. Davies.

SOUTH CHINA BEAT UNIVERSITY

South China Athletic Association beat Hong Kong University Tennis Club by 8 sets to 3 in an "A" Division Tennis League match played at Pokfulam yesterday. State Bick and K. F. Liu (S.C.A.A.) beat S. H. Ling and Dr. A. L. Tsai 6-1.

beat T. T. Lim and Dr. S. Wong 6-1.

lost to H. P. Ong and G. Chao 1-6.

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J. Man and A. Chan (S.C.A.A.) beat Ling and Tsai 6-1.

lost to Lim and Wong 2-6.

beat Ong and Chao 6-2.

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THE QUALITY BEER



Baer Nears Retirement As Lou Nova's Chances For Heavy Crown Bright

MAX BAER, FORMER world heavyweight champion and one of the ring's most colourful figures, will certainly not be able to fulfil his boast that he would regain the title within a year.

The time limit he had set himself is up in September and, far from wresting back the crown from Joe Louis, he may now be said to be finished as a championship contender.

It is even possible that Baer may decide to retire from boxing and that his name will recede into the past like so many champions before him. This melancholy note

is prompted by the severe drubbing he received at the hands of the young Californian, Lou Nova, who had Baer in such a groggy state that the referee, Arthur Donovan, stopped the fight.

Same "Playboy"

It was not the new and serious Max Baer who was seen in action against Nova. When Baer gave up his clowning and intimated that he was deadly serious, it certainly looked as though he meant it. He battered "Two Ton" Tony Galento and then thrashed Patrick Comiskey into submission in the first round.

But against Nova it was the same old play-acting, taunting "playboy" of the ring. He skipped around the ring with his famous scornful expression on his face, indulged in all his clowning tricks, including standing with his arms akimbo, taunting Nova to "come on and fight."

Following the example of Tommy Loughran, one of the finest boxers of his time, Baer would work way round to his own corner at the end of each round and lazily sink on to his stool with an air of contempt.

Nova Not Impressed

Nova was not impressed by this display, however, and, after surviving an anxious period in the fourth round—the only time we saw a glimpse of the real, vicious Baer—he jabbed Baer silly with well-timed lefts while the crowd of 23,000 roared its approval. In the eighth round a short right to the jaw put Baer down for "nine" and another right cross once again deposited him on the canvas. He was soon up, but was in such a dazed state, with one eye almost closed and his face like pulp, that the referee intervened.

Baer's effort in the fourth round, in which he suddenly lashed out and, with a tiger-like snarl on his face went after Nova with both arms flailing, almost brought him success. Nova, willing in the face of such an onslaught sagged to the canvas when caught by a flurry of blows to the head and body. He rose quickly, however, and fought back strongly to finish the round in good style.

By his performance Nova showed that he is made of championship stuff, especially when he came back to snatch victory from what looked to be defeat. What he lacked in punching power he made up for by his youth and cleverness.

To Meet Louis

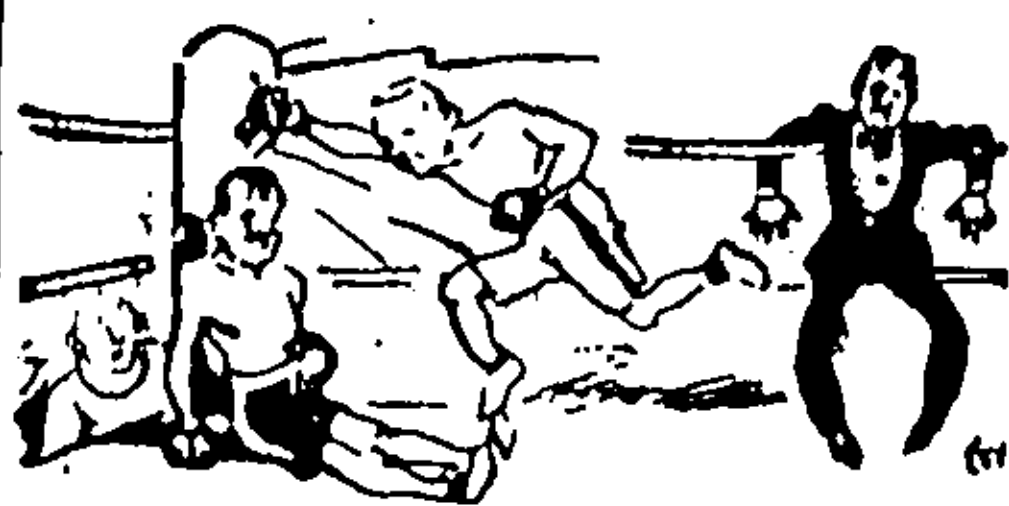
It is extremely doubtful, however, whether Nova would fare any better against Louis than the other heavyweights who have tried to wrest the title from the negro. Whatever the result when he squares up to Louis later in the year, probably in September, Nova will have thoroughly earned his chance.

He has shown great courage in overcoming obstacles that have cropped up at a vital time in his career. After the battering he received at the hands of Tony Galento in 1939 it was thought that he was finished with the ring. A mysterious complaint, which took six months to conquer, threw him back a long way.

On his return, a win over Patrick Comiskey, the young Irish-American hope, placed him in line for a title fight again, but his troubles were not over. He had to enter hospital again, this time for the removal of his tonsils. His form against Baer, however, showed that he has suffered no ill-effects.

Another Gene Tunney

Nova, who is 26 and therefore just reaching his peak, has been described as another Gene Tunney, or Jim Corbett, with the latter's fine stand-up style. His manager asserts that he has all that Tunney had, and something he didn't have.



—viciousness and willingness to mix it. It is as a boxer that he shines, however, and he is probably the closest resemblance to Corbett in style that old-timers can remember.

Nova certainly comes from a school of champions. Spider Roche, who was responsible for his early boxing schooling in amateur days, passed out such men as Jim Corbett, Fidel La Barba and Fred Apostoli on their way to world championship

laurels.

A student of correct diet and a total abstainer, Nova has always been a grand all-round athlete. At high school he starred at football, basketball and track and field athletics, being an expert with the javelin.

Nova has been boxing as a professional for about five years, and he has learned quickly. Some boxers can pick up more useful knowledge in a fight than others can in a dozen. An apt boxing student such as Nova is capable of learning more, of absorbing and utilising more quickly than the average exponent.

Hours of toil in the gymnasium have been taken up in perfecting himself in all phases and his efforts have been rewarded. He has brilliant defence and smart hands.

NEW TENNIS LEAGUE SECRETARY

The "China Mail" has been officially informed that Mr. L. F. de Souza, c/o Hong Kong Football Association, Bank of Canton Building, Tel. 30781, has been appointed Hon. League Tennis Secretary vice Mr. L. R. Hideson, who has been transferred to Manila.

NEW POLE-VAULT RECORD

Cornelius Warmerdam attained a new world pole-vault record of 15 ft. 5 1/4 ins. at Compton, California, yesterday.

Since April, 1940, when he was the first man to clear 15 ft., Warmerdam several times exceeded that height.

attack, expected in the style of a champion, and his ringcraft and generalship is beyond criticism.

The honour of restoring the heavyweight prestige of the white race could not be in better

GREAT FALLS TAKEN BY BIG ABE SIMON IN DETROIT

Niagara really shouldn't disappoint. Victoria Falls on the Zambezi is a sight. Bridal Veil is a beaut. Old vaudeville performers used to speak of Wappingers, and Carnera falls came down with a roar.

There are pitfalls, windfalls, landfalls and pinfalls, but none are like that Abe Simon took in the Detroit Olympia ring, recently.

A heavyweight has to be careful about what he does these days. If he isn't, he's likely to be tossed in there with Joe Louis, which is what happened to the mastedonic Simon.

The winter tumbling season had to go on, and Simon became the condemned man when he hung onto and outrode Roscoe Toles in the Motor City in early February. Toles grew very tired carrying 6 feet 4 inches and 255 pounds of Simon around.

This is one of the principal reasons why Simon was made to look simple by Louis in a jiffy. Smoky Joe keenly dislikes any form of manual labour.

It Might As Well Be For 100 Rounds

James Joy Johnston insisted the brawl be for 20 rounds. He at first demanded 100. You see, it really doesn't make any difference. Michigan is one of the few states which permits contests longer than 15 heats, and Jimmy Johnston felt that the novelty of the thing would bolster the ballyhoo.

Simon was fresh from being well pommelled by Big Jim Thompson, Pittsburgh Negro, in Baltimore, so the best way to boost this fight is to talk about everything else.

Johnston, the venerable Boy Bandit, points to the fact that Simon stood up under Toles' punches.

The difference this trip is that when Louis hits 'em they stay hit, as someone once remarked about Bob Fitzsimmons.

So they relate that Simon got that way tossing pickle barrels hither and yon in New York, and tell you that he consumes a basket of clams, three-inch steaks, platters of potatoes, mountainous salads and cups of coffee at a single sitting.

Maybe It Cost Too Much To Feed Simon

John Hay Whitney and Gene Dunney were the original sponsors of Simon, who is out of Richmond Ill; L. I. Johnston, an Ol' Clo'seman of Fistiana, picked him up when they gave up. It costs more to feed Simon than it does one of Jock Whitney's horses.

There was some criticism of the event at first, but the first 15 rows of the Olympia were sold out at \$5 quicker than Del. Baker can say Newsom, and the beef trust will play to a capacity crowd of 14,000.

The answer is that the dear people like to see big guys go down in sections, like broken scaffolding.

Not since Prime Beef Carnera has there been a bloke with gloves on his hands so well constructed for falling as Abe Simon.

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ANGLO-FRENCH NAVAL CLASH

Battle Reported By Vichy Off Coast Of Syria

Resistance On Land Becomes Much Stiffer

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

A CLASH BETWEEN BRITISH AND FRENCH NAVAL UNITS OFF THE SYRIAN COAST, INCREASING FRENCH RESISTANCE IN SEVERAL SECTORS, A DRAMATIC DASH BY AN INDIAN MECHANISED COLUMN IN AN ENDEAVOUR TO PENETRATE THROUGH TO DAMASCUS, AND AN UNCONFIRMED REPORT THAT GERMAN GROUND FORCES HAVE BEEN ATTACKED BY THE R.A.F. AND HAVE RETALIATED, ARE THE OUTSTANDING EVENTS IN YESTERDAY'S CAMPAIGN IN SYRIA.

HELP SENT TO GANGES VICTIMS

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

A relief expedition is en route from Calcutta to the Barisal district to aid victims of the cyclonic flood in the Ganges Delta, in which 5,000 were reported drowned.

First word of the disaster, which occurred on May 25, reached Calcutta on Sunday night.—International News Service.

The naval clash is reported in a telegram from Vichy which gives few details. A British squadron which was shelling the coast near Beirut, it is stated, was attacked by French warships; the French claim two British warships were damaged.

On land, London circles declare that the French are now putting up resistance against the columns which entered Syria from Palestine and Transjordan, and the British expect this resistance to become stiffer in spite of the French lack of equipment.

London doubts reports that the Germans have abandoned Syria; strong Luftwaffe positions are still located in the north-east, and have been attacked by the R.A.F. Aerodromes, occupied by German "instructors," have been bombed in the face of fierce anti-aircraft fire.

Fierce artillery duels between British and French guns are reported, while an Indian column

has been sent on in a dramatic effort to dash through to Damascus, the capital.

Blitz Tactics

The British are using the German blitz tactics which General Wilson learned in Libya, and waves of fighting and bombing planes, including many American-built Curtis Tomahawks, are preceding the armoured columns. Increasing numbers of tribesmen in the Jebel Druse mountains are coming over to the British.—International News Service.

JAPANESE ATTITUDE STIFFENS

THE JAPANESE FOREIGN OFFICE'S ATTITUDE REGARDING THE NETHERLANDS EAST INDIES' REPLY TO THE JAPANESE TRADE FORMULA IS UNDERSTOOD TO HAVE STIFFENED CONSIDERABLY AFTER A CAREFUL STUDY OF THE CONTENTS OF THE DUTCH ANSWER WHEN HIGH FOREIGN OFFICE OFFICIALS MET YESTERDAY SAYS AN OFFICIAL JAPANESE REPORT QUOTED BY REUTER FROM TOKYO.

NO CHANGE IN LIBYA

THERE IS NO CHANGE IN THE SITUATION IN LIBYA AND ALL IS QUIET IN IRAQ, STATED YESTERDAY'S CAIRO G.H.Q. COMMUNIQUE. In Abyssinia, the British troops are continuing their advance west of the River Omo and further prisoners have been captured.—Reuter.

JULIANA AT WHITE HOUSE

It is understood in official Dutch circles in London that President Roosevelt has invited Princess Juliana and Prince Bernhard to spend a day with Mr. and Mrs. Roosevelt on the occasion of their forthcoming visit to the U.S.A. The invitation has been accepted.—British Wire.

STOP PRESS

Recording the warm applause of the United States for the British and Free French action in Syria, "The Times" says: Sympathy for the French nation is not diminished. The respect felt for Marshal Petain and his colleagues has been almost entirely dissipated. Washington has not wholly abandoned the hope that pressure will yet be effective in preventing a repetition in other parts of the French Empire of the betrayal of Syria.

"Americans are taking no chances. There can be little doubt that a very close watch is being kept on the situation at Dakar."

The need for speed in the action in Syria is emphasised by the "Daily Mail" which says: "In the absence of serious resistance, our forces should be capable of occupying key-points in a matter of days if the troops are properly armed and equipped. Their progress will be carefully followed." — Reuter.



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